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The Calendar

OF FEASTS CELEBRATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(*Holydays of Obligation are marked with a* ✠.)

ABBREVIATIONS EXPLAINED:

Ap. signifies *Apostle or Apostles*; M., *Martyr or Martyrs*; P., *Pope*; Abp., *Archbishop*; B., *Bishop*; C., *Confessor*; D., *Doctor*; Abb., *Abbot*; V., *Virgin*; W., *Widow*; K., *King*; Q., *Queen*; Pr., *Priest*; H , *Hermit.*

OTHER MOVABLE FEASTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR.

Second Sunday after Epiphany—*Holy Name of Jesus.*
Friday after Quinquagesima—*Passion of our Lord.*
Friday after First Sunday in Lent—*Holy Crown of Thorns.*
Friday after Second Sunday in Lent—*Spear and Nails.*
Friday after Third Sunday in Lent—*Five Wounds.*
Friday after Fourth Sunday in Lent—*Most Precious Blood.*
Friday after Passion Sunday—*Seven Sorrows of the B. V. M.*
Third Sunday after Easter—*Patronage of St. Joseph.*
Thursday after Trinity Sunday—*Corpus Christi.*
Friday after Octave of Corpus Christi—*Sacred Heart of Jesus.*
First Sunday of July—*Most Precious Blood.*
Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption—*St. Joachim, Father of the B. V. M.*
Sunday within the Octave of Nativity of B. V. M.—*Holy Name of Mary.*
Third Sunday of September—*Seven Sorrows of the B. V. M.*
First Sunday of October—*Rosary Sunday.*
Third Sunday of October—*Maternity of the B. V. M.*
Second Sunday of November—*Patronage of the B. V. M.*

FRANCIS DE SALES

The Calendar.

JANUARY. *Hath 31 days.*

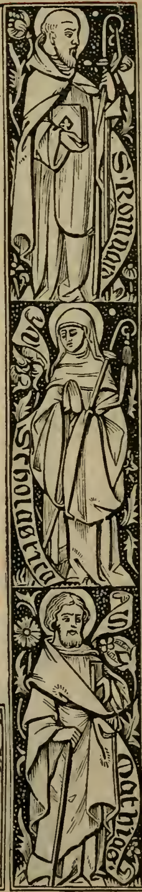
1. ✠ CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
2. Octave of St. Stephen, *First Martyr.*
3. Octave of St. John, *Ap. and Evangelist.*
4. Octave of Holy Innocents, *M.*
5. Vigil.
6. EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
7. Of the Octave.
8. Of the Octave.
9. Of the Octave.
10. Of the Octave.
11. Of the Octave.
12. Of the Octave.
13. Octave of the *Epiphany.*
14. St. Hilary, *B.C.D.*
15. St. Paul, First *H.*
16. St. Marcellus, *P.M.*
17. St. Anthony, *Abb.*
18. St. Peter's Chair at Rome.
19. St. Canute of Denmark, *K.M.*
20. SS. Fabian and Sebastian, *M.*
21. St. Agnes, *V.M.*
22. SS. Vincent and Anastasius, *M.*
23. *Espousals of the B.V.M.*
24. St. Timothy, *B.M.*
25. *Conversion of St. Paul, Ap.*
26. St. Polycarp, *B.M.*
27. St. John Chrysostom, *Patriarch, C.D.*
28. St. Agnes, *the second time.*
29. St. Francis de Sales, *B.C.D.*
30. St. Martina, *V.M.*
31. St. Peter Nolasco, *C.*

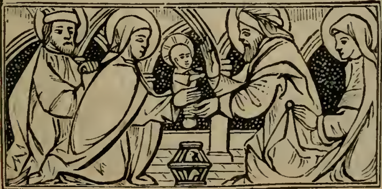
The Calendar.

FEBRUARY. *Hath 28 or 29 days.*

1. St. Ignatius, *B.M.*
2. PURIFICATION OF THE B. V. M.
3. St. Blase, *B.M.*
4. St. Andrew Corsini, *B.C.*
5. St. Philip of Jesus, *M.*
6. St. Titus, *Abp. C.*
7. St. Romuald, *Abb.*
8. St. John of Matha, *C.*
9. St. Cyril of Alexandria, *B.C.D.*
10. St. Scholastica, *V.*
11. St. Raymond of Pennafort, *C.*
12. St. Agatha, *V.M.*
13. Of the Season.
14. St. Valentine, *Pr.M.*
15 SS. Faustinus and Jovita, *M.*
16. Of the Season.
17. Of the Season.
18. St. Simeon, *B.M.*
19. Of the Season.
20. Of the Season.
21. Of the Season.
22. St. Peter's Chair at Antioch.
23. St. Peter Damian, *B.C.D.* Vigil.
24. *St. Matthias, Ap.**
25. Of the Season.
26. Of the Season.
27. Of the Season.
28. Of the Season.

* In Leap Year, on the 25th.





The Calendar.

MARCH. *Hath 31 days.*

1. Of the Season.
2. Of the Season.
3. Of the Season.
4. St. Casimir, *C.*
5. Of the Season.
6. Of the Season.
7. St. Thomas Aquinas, *C.D.*
8. St. John of God, *C.*
9. St. Frances of Rome, *W.*
10. The Forty Martyrs.
11. Of the Season.
12 St. Gregory the Great, *P.C.D.*
13. Of the Season.
14. Of the Season.
15. Of the Season.
16. Of the Season.
17. St. Patrick, Abp.C., Apostle of Ireland.
18. *St. Gabriel, Archangel.*
19. ST. JOSEPH, *Patron of the Universal Church.*
20. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *B.C.D.*
21. St. Benedict, *Abb.*
22. Of the Season.
23. Of the Season.
24. Of the Season.
25. ANNUNCIATION OF THE B. V. M.
26. Of the Season.
27. Of the Season.
28. Of the Season.
29. Of the Season.
30. Of the Season.
31. Of the Season.

The Calendar.

APRIL. *Hath 30 days.*

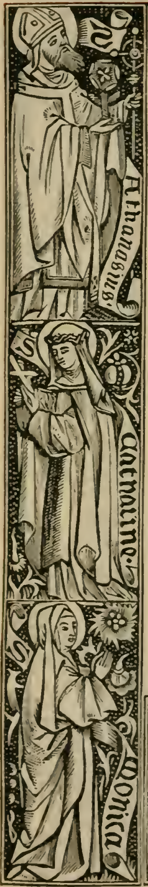
1. Of the Season.
2. St. Francis of Paola, *C.*
3. Of the Season.
4. St. Isidore, *Abp.C.D.*
5. St. Vincent Ferrer, *C.*
6. Of the Season.
7. Of the Season.
8. Of the Season.
9. Of the Season.
10. Of the Season.
11. St. Leo the Great, *P.C.D.*
12. Of the Season.
13. St. Hermenegild of Spain, *K.M.*
14. St. Justin, *M.*
15 Of the Season.
16. Of the Season.
17. St. Anicetus, *P.M.*
18. Of the Season.
19. Of the Season.
20. Of the Season.
21. St. Anselm, *Abp.C.D.*
22. SS. Soter and Caius, *P.M.*
23. St. George, *M.*
24. St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, *M.*
25. *St. Mark, Evangelist.*
26. SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, *P.M.*
27. St. Turibius, *B.C.*
28. St. Paul of the Cross, *C.*
29. St. Peter, *M.*
30. St. Catherine of Siena, *V.*

S. Anselm
Marc
S. Isidore

The Calendar.

MAY. *Hath 31 days.*

1. *SS. Philip and James, Ap.*
2. St. Athanasius, *B.C.D.*
3. *Finding of the Holy Cross.*
4. St. Monica, *W.*
5. St. Pius V., *P.C.*
6. St. John before the Latin Gate.
7. St. Stanislaus, *B.M.*
8. *Apparition of St. Michael, Archangel.*
9. St. Gregory Nazianzen, *Patriarch, C.D*
10. St. Antoninus, *Abp.C.*
11. Of the Season.
12. SS. Nereus, Achilleus and Comp., *M.*
13. Of the Season.
14. St. Boniface, *M.*
15. Of the Season.
16. St. Ubald, *B.C.*
17. St. Paschal Baylon, *C.*
18. St. Venantius, *M.*
19. St. Peter Celestin, *P.C.*
20. St. Bernardine of Siena, *C.*
21. Of the Season.
22. St. John Nepomucene, *M.*
23. Of the Season.
24. *Our Blessed Lady, Help of Christians.*
25. St. Gregory VII., *P.C.*
26. St. Philip Neri, *C.*
27. St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi, *V.*
28. St. Augustine of Canterbury, *B.C.*
29. Of the Season.
30. St. Felix, *P.M.*
31. St. Angela Merici, *V.*



The Calendar.

JUNE. *Hath 30 days.*

1. Of the Season.
2. SS. Marcellinus and Peter, *M.*
3. Of the Season.
4. St. Francis Caracciolo, *C.*
5. St. Boniface, *Abp.M.*
6. St. Norbert, *Abp.C.*
7. Of the Season.
8. Of the Season.
9. SS. Primus and Felician, *M.*
10. St. Margaret of Scotland, *Q.W.*
11. *St. Barnabas, Ap.*
12. St. John of San Fagondez, *C.*
13. St. Anthony of Padua, *C.*
14. St. Basil the Great, *Abp C.D.*
15. SS. Vitus and Modestus, *M.*
16. St. John Francis Regis, *C.*
17. Of the Season.
18. SS. Mark and Marcellian, *M.*
19. St. Juliana de' Falconieri, *V.*
20. St. Silverius, *P.M.*
21. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, *C.*
22. St. Paulinus, *B.C.*
23. Vigil.
24. *Nativity of St. John the Baptist.*
25. St. William, *Abb.*
26. SS. John and Paul, *M.*
27. Of the Octave.
28. St. Irenæus, *B.M.* Vigil.
29. SS. PETER AND PAUL, *Ap.* (Solemnity transferred to following Sunday.)
30. *Commemoration of St. Paul, Ap.*

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Anne

The Calendar.

JULY. *Hath 31 days.*

1. Octave of St. John the Baptist.
2. *Visitation of the B. V. M.*
3. St. Leo II., *P.C.*
4. Of the Octave.
5. SS. Cyril and Methodius, *B.C.*
6. Octave of SS. Peter and Paul, *Ap.*
7. Of the Season.
8. St. Elizabeth of Portugal, *Q.V.*
9. Of the Season.
10. Seven Brothers, *M.*
11. St. Pius I., *P.M.*
12. St. John Gualberto, *Abb.*
13. St. Anacletus, *P.M.*
14. St. Bonaventure, *B.C.D.*
15. St. Henry, *K.C.*
16. *Our Lady of Mount Carmel.*
17. St. Alexius, *C.*
18. St. Camillus de' Lelli, *C.*
19. St. Vincent of Paul, *C.*
20. St. Jerome Miani, *C.*
21. St. Praxedes, *V.*
22. St. Mary Magdalen, *Penitent.*
23. St. Apollinaris, *B.M.*
24. St. Francis Solano, *C.* Vigil.
25. *St James, Ap.*
26. *St. Ann, Mother of the B. V. M.*
27. St. Pantaleon, *M.*
28. SS. Nazarius and others, *M.*
29. St. Martha, *V.*
30. SS. Abdon and Sennen, *M.*
31. St. Ignatius Loyola, *C.*

The Calendar.

AUGUST. *Hath 31 days.*

1. St. Peter's Chains.
2. St. Alphonsus de' Liguori, *B.C.D.*
3. Finding of St. Stephen, *First Martyr.*
4. St. Dominic, *C.*
5. *Our Lady of the Snows.*
6. TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.
7. St. Cajetan, *C.*
8. SS. Cyriacus and others, *M.*
9. Vigil.
10. *St. Lawrence, M.*
11. Of the Octave.
12. St. Clare, *V.*
13. Of the Octave.
14. *Vigil. Fast.*
15. ✠ ASSUMPTION OF THE B. V. M.
16. St. Hyacinth, *C.*
17. Octave of St. Lawrence.
18. Of the Octave.
19. Of the Octave.
20. St. Bernard, *Abb.D.*
21. St. Jane Frances de Chantal, *W.*
22. Octave of the ASSUMPTION.
23. St. Philip Benizzi. Vigil.
24. *St. Bartholomew, Ap.*
25. St. Louis of France, *K.C.*
26. St. Zephyrinus, *P.M.*
27. St. Joseph Casalanz, *C.*
28. St. Augustine, *B.C.D.*
29. Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
30. St. Rose of Lima, *V.*
31. St. Raymond Nonnatus, *C.*

Dominic
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Bernard
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S
Jerome
S
Helen
S
Jos

The Calendar.

SEPTEMBER. *Hath 30 days.*

1. St. Giles, *Abb.*
2. St. Stephen of Hungary, *K.C.*
3. Of the Season.
4. Of the Season.
5. St. Lawrence de' Giustiniani, *Patriarch, C.*
6. Of the Season.
7. Of the Season.
8. *Nativity of the B. V. M.*
9. Of the Octave.
10. St. Nicholas of Tolentino, *C.*
11. Of the Octave.
12. Of the Octave.
13. Of the Octave.
14. *Exaltation of the Holy Cross.*
15. Octave of the Nativity of the B. V. M.
16. SS. Cornelius, *P.M.*, and Cyprian, *B.M.*
17. The Stigmata of St. Francis, *C.*
18. St. Joseph of Cupertino, *C.*
19. SS. Januarius and Companions, *M.*
20. SS. Eustace and Companions, *M.* Vigil.
21. *St. Matthew, Ap. and Evangelist.*
22. St. Thomas of Villanova, *Abp.C.*
23. St. Linus, *P.M.*
24. *Our Lady of Ransom.*
25. Of the Season.
26. SS. Cyprian and Justina, *M.*
27. SS. Cosmas and Damian, *M.*
28. St. Wenceslaus of Bohemia, *K.M.*
29. *Dedication of St. Michael, Archangel.*
30. St. Jerome, *Pr.C.D.*

Salus
Deo nostro

The Calendar.

OCTOBER. *Hath 31 days.*

1. St. Remy, *B.C.*
2. *Holy Guardian Angels.*
3. Of the Season.
4. St. Francis of Assisi, *C.*
5. St. Placid and Companions, *M.*
6. St. Bruno, *C.*
7. St. Mark, *P.C.*
8. St. Bridget of Sweden, *W.*
9. SS. Denys and Companions, *M.*
10. St. Francis Borgia, *C.*
11. Of the Season.
12. Of the Season.
13. St. Edward, *K.C.*
14. St. Callistus, *P.M.*
15. St. Teresa, *V.*
16. Of the Season.
17. St. Hedwiges, *W.*
18. *St. Luke, Evangelist.*
19. St. Peter of Alcantara, *C.*
20. St. John of Kenty, *C.*
21. St. Hilarion, *Abb.*
22. Of the Season.
23. Of the Season.
24. *St. Raphael, Archangel.*
25. SS. Chrysanthus and Daria, *M.*
26. St. Evaristus, *P.M.*
27. Vigil.
28. *SS. Simon and Jude, Ap.*
29. Of the Season.
30. Of the Season.
31. *Vigil. Fast.*

Gertrude.
Catharine
Edmund

The Calendar.

NOVEMBER. *Hath 30 days.*

1. ✠ ALL SAINTS' DAY.
2. *All Souls' Day.*
3. Of the Octave.
4. St. Charles Borromeo, *Abp.C.*
5. Of the Octave.
6. Of the Octave.
7. Of the Octave.
8. Octave of ALL SAINTS.
9. Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica.
10. St. Andrew Avellino. *C.*
11. St. Martin of Tours, *B.C.*
12. St. Martin, *P.M.*
13. St. Diego, *C.*
14. St. Stanislaus Kostka, *C.*
15. St. Gertrude *V.*
16. St. Josaphat, *B.M.*
17. St. Gregory the Wonder-Worker, *B.C.*
18. Dedication of SS. Peter and Paul's Basilica.
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, *W.*
20. St. Felix of Valois, *C.*
21. *Presentation of the B. V. M.*
22. St. Cecilia, *V.M.*
23. St. Clement, *P.M.*
24. St. John of the Cross, *C.*
25. St. Catherine, *V.M.*
26. St. Peter of Alexandria, *B.M.*
27. Of the Season.
28. Of the Season.
29. Vigil.
30. *St. Andrew, Ap.*

The Calendar.

DECEMBER. *Hath 31 days.*

1. Of the Season.
2. St. Bibiana, *V.M.*
3. St. Francis Xavier, *C.*
4. St. Peter Chrysologus, *Abp.C.D.*
5. St. Saba, *Abb.*
6. St. Nicholas, *Abp.C.*
7. St. Ambrose, *B.C.D.* Vigil.
8. ✠ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B. V. M. PATRONAL FEAST OF THE U. S.
9. Of the Octave.
10. Of the Octave.
11. St. Damasus, *P.C.*
12. Of the Octave.
13. St. Lucy, *V.M.*
14. Of the Octave.
15. Octave of the IMMAC. CONCEPTION.
16. St. Eusebius, *B.M.*
17. Of the Season.
18. *Expectation of the B. V. M.*
19. Of the Season.
20. Vigil.
21. *St. Thomas, Ap.*
22. Of the Season.
23. Of the Season.
24. *Vigil. Fast.*
25. ✠ NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.
26. *St. Stephen, First Martyr.*
27. *St. John, Ap. and Evangelist.*
28. *The Holy Innocents, M.*
29. St. Thomas of Canterbury, *Abp.M.*
30. Of the Octaves.
31. St. Sylvester, *P.C.*

S.
Thomas
S.
John

A Table of Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter Sunday.	Ascension.	Whitsunday.	Corpus Christi.	First Sunday of Advent.
1888	Feb. 15	Apl. 1	May 10	May 20	May 31	Dec. 2
1889	Mar. 6	Apl. 21	May 30	June 9	June 20	Dec. 1
1890	Feb. 19	Apl. 6	May 15	May 25	June 5	Nov. 30
1891	Feb. 11	Mar. 29	May 7	May 17	May 28	Nov. 29
1892	Mar. 2	Apl. 17	May 26	June 5	June 16	Nov. 27
1893	Feb. 15	Apl. 2	May 11	May 21	June 1	Dec. 3
1894	Feb. 7	Mar. 25	May 3	May 13	May 24	Dec. 2
1895	Feb. 27	Apl. 14	May 23	June 2	June 13	Dec. 1
1896	Feb. 19	Apl. 5	May 14	May 24	June 4	Nov. 29
1897	Mar. 3	Apl. 18	May 27	June 6	June 17	Nov. 28
1898	Feb. 23	Apl. 10	May 19	May 29	June 9	Nov. 27
1899	Feb. 15	Apl. 2	May 11	May 21	June 1	Dec. 3
1900	Feb. 28	Apl. 15	May 24	June 3	June 14	Dec. 2
1901	Feb. 20	Apl. 7	May 16	May 26	June 6	Dec. 1
1902	Feb. 12	Mar. 30	May 8	May 18	May 29	Nov. 30
1903	Feb. 25	Apl. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	Nov. 29
1904	Feb. 17	Apl. 3	May 12	May 22	June 2	Nov. 27
1905	Mar. 8	Apl. 23	June 1	June 11	June 22	Dec. 3
1906	Feb. 28	Apl. 15	May 24	June 3	June 14	Dec. 2
1907	Feb. 13	Mar. 31	May 9	May 19	May 30	Dec. 1
1908	Mar. 4	Apl. 19	May 28	June 7	June 18	Nov. 29
1909	Feb. 24	Apl. 11	May 20	May 30	June 10	Nov. 28
1910	Feb. 9	Mar. 27	May 5	May 15	May 26	Nov. 27
1911	Mar. 1	Apl. 16	May 25	June 4	June 15	Dec. 3
1912	Feb. 21	Apl. 7	May 16	May 26	June 6	Dec. 1
1913	Feb. 5	Mar. 23	May 1	May 11	May 22	Nov. 30
1914	Feb. 25	Apl. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	Nov. 29
1915	Feb. 17	Apl. 4	May 13	May 23	June 3	Nov. 28

NOTE.—EASTER DAY (on which all the other movable feasts depend) is always the First Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon or next after the Twenty-first Day of March; and if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after.

Advent Sunday is always the nearest Sunday to the Feast of St. Andrew, whether before or after.

Septuagesima	Sunday is	Nine	Weeks before *Easter.*
Sexagesima		Eight	
Quinquagesima		Seven	
Quadragesima		Six	

Rogation Sunday	is	Five Weeks	after *Easter.*
Ascension Day		Forty Days	
Whitsunday		Seven Weeks	
Trinity Sunday		Eight Weeks	

The Calendar as at present used was reformed, in the year of our Lord 1582, by Pope Gregory XIII., who ordered the *Historical* or *Civil* year to be thenceforward reckoned from the first day of January. It was not adopted by English-speaking people until January 1, 1753. The *Ecclesiastical* year still begins on the First Sunday in Advent.

A Rule

FOR FINDING EASTER OF ANY YEAR IN THIS CENTURY OR THE NEXT.

1st. Divide the date of the year by 19, and call the remainder a;
2d. Divide the date of the year by 4, and call the remainder b;
3d. Divide the date of the year by 7, and call the remainder c;
4th. Divide $19a + \left\{\begin{array}{l}23\ [\text{for this Century}]\\ 24\ [\text{for next Century}]\end{array}\right\}$ by 30, and call the remainder d;
5th. Divide $2b + 4c + 6d + \left\{\begin{array}{l}4\ [\text{this Century}]\\ 5\ [\text{next Century}]\end{array}\right\}$ by 7, and call the remainder e;

Then EASTER will be the 22d $+ d + e$ of MARCH;
or the $d + e - 9$ of APRIL.

EXCEPTIONS.—1st. When Easter would fall on April 26th, put it back to the 19th. 2d. When it would fall on April 25th, put it back to the 18th, unless $d = 29$, and $e = 5$.

A Table

OF ALL THE FEASTS THAT ARE OBSERVED BY THE CATHOLICS OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH OBLIGATION OF HEARING MASS AND ABSTAINING FROM SERVILE WORK.

ALL THE SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR.

JANUARY.

1. The Circumcision of Our Lord, or New-Year's Day.

AUGUST.

15. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NOVEMBER.

1. All Saints' Day.

DECEMBER.

8. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
25. The Nativity of our Lord, or Christmas Day.

Also Ascension Day, or the Thursday forty days after Easter.

On Fasting and Abstinence.

OUR Holy Mother, the Catholic Church, does not leave her children without guidance, and to their own devices, in this important matter; she tells them not only *when* but *how* to fast and abstain, and the rules she has established are those inspired by her heavenly wisdom, and shaped and fashioned by centuries of practical experience. Every Catholic is bound to keep these mild and gentle rules *first of all* before any other form of bodily mortification can be worthily undertaken. If these are wilfully neglected, no amount of self-imposed austerity can ever make up the loss, or atone for the disobedience.

The Law of Abstinence affects only the *kind* of food, and has no reference to its *quantity*. On Abstinence days the faithful are obliged to abstain from flesh-meat only; the number of meals and the amount of food may be the same as on other days.

The Law of Fasting includes that of Abstinence, and adds special requirements of its own; it affects both the *kind* and the *quantity* of food. On Fasting-days, besides the obligation of abstaining from flesh-meat, the number and quantity of meals are restricted. Only *one Full Meal* is allowed, to be taken about noon or later. Besides this full meal a collation of eight ounces is allowed. If the full meal is taken about the middle of the day, the collation will naturally be taken in the evening; if the full meal is taken late in the day, the collation may be taken about noon. Besides the full meal and collation, general custom has made it lawful to take about two ounces of bread (without butter) and a cup of some warm liquid—as coffee or tea—in the morning. This is important to observe, for by means of this many persons are enabled—and therefore *obliged*—to keep the fast who could not otherwise do so.

It should be borne in mind that these practices of Fasting and Abstinence are not merely penitential works of *counsel*, recommended to our observance, but acts of mortification of *precept*, enjoined by laws binding strictly on the conscience; and therefore not to be evaded or omitted without Mortal Sin. Various reasons, however, may exist for excuse or dispensation from these laws (especially from the law of *fasting*), which are commonly noted in the published "Regulations for Lent" in every Diocese. But as to *abstinence*, legitimate excuses are very few; and generally no one can proceed safely in excusing himself from abstinence before consulting his confessor.

ABSTINENCE DAYS.

ALL THE FRIDAYS OF THE YEAR.

Note.—When a Friday happens to be *Christmas Day*, it is not a day of abstinence.

FASTING-DAYS.

1. THE FRIDAYS OF ADVENT.*
2. EVERY DAY IN LENT; except *Sundays.*

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* In some Dioceses (as in the Province of New Orleans) the Fridays of Advent are not fasting-days.

3. The Four Quarter-Tenses, or Ember-Days, viz.: The *Wednesday*, *Friday*, and *Saturday* following—1. the first Sunday in Lent; 2. Whitsunday; 3. the fourteenth day of September; and, 4. the third Sunday of Advent.
4. The Vigils of *Whitsunday*, of the *Assumption*, of *All Saints*, and of *Christmas*.

Note.—When a Fasting-day falls upon a Sunday, it is kept on the *Saturday* previous.

THE TIMES

Wherein Marriages are not Solemnized.

From *Advent Sunday* until the *Epiphany*, and from *Ash Wednesday* until *Low Sunday*.

Brief Statement of Christian Doctrine.

The Ten Commandments of God.—Exodus xx.

I AM the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not adore them, nor serve them.

2. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

The Six Commandments of the Church.

1. To hear Mass on Sundays, and Holydays of Obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess at least once a year.
4. To receive the Holy Eucharist during the Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of our Pastors.
6. Not to marry persons who are not Catholics, or who are related to us within the fourth degree of kindred, nor privately without witnesses, nor to solemnize marriage at forbidden times.

The Seven Sacraments.

Baptism,	*Matt.* xxviii. 19.
Confirmation,	*Acts* viii. 17.
Holy Eucharist,	*Matt.* xxvi. 26.
Penance,	*John* xx. 23.
Extreme Unction,	*James* v. 14.
Holy Orders,	*Luke* xxii. 19.
Matrimony,	*Matt.* xix. 6.

The Three Theological Virtues.

Faith—Hope—Charity.

The Four Cardinal Virtues.

Prudence—Justice—Fortitude—Temperance.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost.—Isa. xi. 2, 3.

Wisdom,
Understanding,
Counsel,
Fortitude,
Knowledge,
Piety,
The Fear of the Lord.

The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

Charity,
Joy,
Peace,
Patience,
Benignity,
Goodness,
Long-suffering,
Mildness,
Faith,
Modesty,
Continency,
Chastity.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy.

To admonish the sinner,
To instruct the ignorant,
To counsel the doubtful,
To comfort the sorrowful,
To bear wrongs patiently,
To forgive all injuries,
To pray for the living and the dead.

The Corporal Works of Mercy.

To feed the hungry,
To give drink to the thirsty,
To clothe the naked,
To ransom the captive,
To harbor the harborless,
To visit the sick,
To bury the dead.

The Eight Beatitudes.—Matt. v.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2. Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the land.

3. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice; for they shall be filled.

5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

6. Blessed are the clean of heart; for they shall see God.

7. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Seven Deadly Sins, and the opposite Virtues.

Pride,	*Contrary Virtues.*	Humility,
Covetousness,		Liberality,
Lust,		Chastity,
Anger,		Meekness,
Gluttony,		Temperance,
Envy,		Brotherly love,
Sloth.		Diligence.

Sins against the Holy Ghost.

Presumption of God's mercy—Despair—Impugning the known truth—Envy at another's spiritual good—Obstinacy in sin—Final impenitence.

Sins Crying to Heaven for Vengeance.

Wilful murder—The sin of Sodom—Oppression of the poor—Defrauding laborers of their wages.

Nine Ways of being Accessory to another's Sin.

By counsel—By command—By consent—By provocation—By praise or flattery—By concealment—By partaking—By silence—By defence of the ill done.

Three Eminent good Works.

Prayer—Fasting—Almsgiving.

The Evangelical Counsels.

Voluntary Poverty—Chastity—Obedience.

The Four Last Things to be Remembered.

Death—Judgment—Hell—Heaven.

Subjects for Daily Meditation.

Remember, Christian soul, that thou hast this day, and every day of thy life—

God to glorify,
Jesus to imitate,
The Angels and Saints to invoke,
A soul to save,
A body to mortify,
Sins to expiate,
Virtues to acquire,
Hell to avoid,
Heaven to gain,
Eternity to prepare for,
Time to profit by,
Neighbors to edify,
The world to despise,
Devils to combat,
Passions to subdue,
Death perhaps to suffer,
And Judgment to undergo.

Lay Baptism.

PROVIDED *an infant is in danger of dying before a Priest can be procured, any other person, whether man, woman, or child, may baptize it in the following manner:*

While pouring common water on the head or face of the infant, pronounce the words:

I BAPTIZE THEE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

A Summary of Christian Faith and Practice.

I. What every Christian Must Believe.

EVERY Christian must believe that there is one God, and no more than one God: that God is a pure Spirit, the Lord and Maker of heaven and earth, who has neither beginning nor end, but is always the same; who is everywhere present; knows and sees all things; can do all things whatsoever He pleases; and is infinite in all perfections.

2. Every Christian is bound to believe that in one God there are three distinct Persons, perfectly equal, of the same substance, and having the same nature: the Father, who proceeds from no one; the Son, who is born of the Father before all ages; and the Holy Ghost, who proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son as from one principle; and that the three Persons are all equally eternal, equal in wisdom and power, and are all three one and the same Lord, one and the same God.

3. We must believe that God created the angels to be with Him for ever, and that one part of them fell

from God by sin, and became devils. That God also created Adam and Eve, the first parents of all mankind, and placed them in the earthly Paradise, from whence they were justly banished for the sin they committed in eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree; and that by this transgression of Adam we are all conceived and born in sin, and must have been lost for ever, if God had not sent us a Saviour.

4. We are bound to believe in the Saviour of all mankind, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and true man; perfect God from all eternity, equal to His Father in all things; and perfect man, from the time of His coming down from heaven for us, having a body and soul like ours.

5. We must believe that Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who had been long foretold by the prophets, was, at God's appointed time, by the power of the Holy Ghost, without having any man for His father, conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary; whom God had prepared for this wonderful Maternity in a wonderful manner: in that by a singular grace and privilege, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, she was in the first instant of her conception preserved free from every taint of original sin. Of her, who is Blessed among Women for evermore, was born our Lord—she still remaining a pure virgin. During the time of His mortal life Jesus Christ founded the Christian religion; and then offered Himself a Sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, by dying upon a cross, to obtain mercy, grace, and salvation for us; and that neither mercy, nor grace, nor salvation can, or ever could, since Adam's fall, be obtained except through the mediation of the Son of God.

6. We must believe that Jesus Christ, after He died and was buried, arose on the third day from death to life, never to die again; and that, for the space of forty days, He was pleased, at different times, to manifest Himself to His disciples, and then ascended into heaven in their sight; where, as God-man, He continually intercedes for us. Thence He sent down the Holy Ghost upon His disciples, to abide with them for ever, as He had promised, and to guide them and their successors into all truth.

7. We must believe the Catholic or Universal Church of Christ, of which He is the perpetual Head, and His Spirit the perpetual Guide; which is founded upon a rock, and is ever victorious over all the powers of earth and hell. The Church is always One, in all its members professing one faith, in one communion, under one chief pastor, called the Pope, succeeding St. Peter, to whom Christ committed His whole flock. The Church is always Holy, in teaching a holy doctrine, in inviting all to a holy life, and in the eminent holiness of many of its children. It is Catholic, or Universal, for it subsists in all ages, and teaches all nations, and maintains all truth. It is Apostolic, for it derives its doctrine, its communion, its orders, and its mission, by an uninterrupted succession, from the Apostles of Christ.

8. With the Catholic Church the Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testaments, were deposited by the Apostles. It is the guardian and interpreter of them, and the judge of all controversies relating to them. The Scriptures, thus interpreted, together with the traditions of the Apostles, are to be received and admitted by all Christians for the rule of their faith and practice.

9. We must believe that when the Pope speaks "*ex cathedra*"—*i.e.*, when, in discharge of his office of Pastor and Teacher of all Christians, he defines, in virtue of his supreme Apostolic authority, a doctrine of faith or morals to be held by the universal Church—he is endowed, by the Divine assistance promised to him in Blessed Peter, with that Infallibility with which the Divine Redeemer willed that His Church should be furnished, in defining doctrine of faith or morals. And therefore such definitions of the Pope are irreformable *of themselves*, and not in virtue of the consent of the Church.

10. We must believe that Jesus Christ has instituted in His Church seven Sacraments, or mysterious signs and instrumental causes of Divine Grace in our souls: BAPTISM, by way of a new birth, by which we are made children of God, and cleansed from sin; CONFIRMATION, by which we receive the Holy Ghost, by the imposition of the hands of the successors of the Apostles: the blessed EUCHARIST, which feeds and nourishes our souls with the Body and Blood of Christ, really present under the forms of bread and wine, or under either of them; PENANCE, by which penitent sinners are absolved from their sins, by virtue of the commission given by Christ to His ministers; EXTREME UNCTION, which wipes away the remains of sin, and arms the soul with the grace of God in the time of sickness; HOLY ORDERS, by which the ministers of God are consecrated; and MATRIMONY, which, as a sacred sign of the indissoluble union of Christ and His Church, unites the married couple in a holy bond, and imparts to them a grace suitable to that state.

11. We must believe that Jesus Christ has also in-

stituted the great Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood in remembrance of His Passion and Death. In this Sacrifice, called the MASS, He is mystically immolated every day upon our altars, being Himself both Priest and Victim. This Sacrifice is the principal worship of the New Law, in which, and by which, we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ; and with Him and through Him we adore God in spirit and truth; give Him thanks for all His blessings; obtain His grace for ourselves and the whole world, and pardon for all our sins; and pray for the living and the dead.

12. We must believe that there is, in the Catholic or Universal Church of God, a Communion of Saints, by means of which we communicate with all holy persons and in all holy things. We communicate with the Saints in heaven, as our fellow-members under the same head, Christ Jesus; we give thanks to God for His gifts to them, and we beg a share in their prayers. We communicate with all the saints upon earth in the same Sacraments and Sacrifice, and in a holy union of faith and charity. And we also communicate with the faithful who have departed this life in a more imperfect state,—and who by the law of God's justice are for a while in a state of suffering,—by offering prayers and alms and sacrifice to God for them.

13. We must believe that, by the full concession of Christ, there ever resides in the Church the active power of forgiving sin, and of granting Indulgences for the remission of the temporal punishments of sin; which may be applied to the souls both of the living and of the dead who have died friends of God and in the peace of Christ.

14. We must believe also the necessity of Divine

Grace, without which we cannot make so much as one step towards heaven; and that all our good and all our merits are the gift of God; that Christ died for all men, and that His grace does not take away or oppress our free will.

15. We must believe that Jesus Christ will come from heaven at the last day to judge all men; that all the dead, both good and bad, shall arise from their graves, and shall be judged by Him according to their works; that the good shall go to heaven with Him, body and soul, to be happy for all eternity in the enjoyment of the Sovereign Good; and that the wicked shall be condemned, both body and soul, to the torments of hell.

II. WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN MUST DO.

EVERY Christian, in order to attain life everlasting, must worship God as his first beginning and last end. This worship is to be rendered, first, by FAITH, which makes both the understanding and the will humbly adore and embrace all those truths which God has taught, however obscure and incomprehensible they may be to our weakness. Secondly, by HOPE; which honors the infinite power, goodness, and mercy of God, and the truth of His promises; and upon these grounds raises the soul to an assured expectation of mercy, grace, and salvation, through the merits of Jesus Christ. Thirdly, by CHARITY; which teaches us to love God with our whole hearts, for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves, for God's sake. Fourthly, by the virtue of RELIGION; the chief acts of which are *adoration*, *praise*, *thanksgiving*, *oblation* *of ourselves to God*, *sacrifice*, and *prayer;* which ought to be the daily employments of a Christian soul. We must flee all idolatry and all false religions; also superstition, under which name are comprehended all manner of divinations, all fortune-telling, all witchcraft, charms, spells, observations of omens, dreams, etc. All these things are heathenish, and contrary to the worship of the true and living God, and to that entire dependence which a Christian soul ought to have on Him. But we must devoutly honor the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Angels, and the Saints reigning in Glory; whose intercessions we shall always most profitably invoke. We should likewise duly reverence all sacred emblems and pious memorials of our Lord and His Saints, and honor the relics of God's servants whom Holy Church has canonized.

2. We must reverence the name of God and His truth by a religious observance of all lawful oaths and vows, and by carefully avoiding all false, rash, or unjust oaths, and blasphemies.

3. We must dedicate some notable part of our time to His divine service; and, more especially, consecrate to Him those days which are ordered by His Church to be sanctified or kept holy.

4. Under God, we must love, reverence, and obey our parents, and other lawful superiors, spiritual and temporal; and observe the laws of the Church and State: as also we must have a due care of our children, and of others that are under our charge, both as to their souls and their bodies.

5. We must abstain from all injuries to our neighbor's person, by murder or any other violence; and

from all hatred, envy, and desire of revenge; as also from *spiritual* murder, which is committed by drawing him into sin, by words, actions, or bad example.

6. We must abstain from all uncleanness in thoughts, words, or actions.

7. We must not steal, cheat, or any other way do wrong to our neighbor in his goods and possessions; we must give every one his own, pay our debts, and make restitution for all damages which we have caused through our fault.

8. We must not wrong our neighbor in his *character* or good name, by calumny, detraction, or rash judgment; or in his *honor* by reproaches or affronts; or rob him of his *peace of mind*, by scoffs or contempt; or of his *friends*, by carrying stories backwards and forwards. In all such cases, whosoever wrongs his neighbor is obliged to make reparation or satisfaction.

9, 10. As we are commanded to abstain from all deeds of lust and injustice, so are we also strictly obliged to restrain all *desires* of these kinds, and to resist the irregular motions of concupiscence. So far the Ten Commandments of God; which are a short abridgment of the whole eternal and natural law, which admits of no dispensation.

Every Christian is, moreover, bound to keep the commandments of God's Church.

1. We must sanctify Sundays and Holydays of Obligation by devout attendance at Holy Mass, and by resting from servile work.

2. We must strictly observe those days of fasting and abstinence appointed by ecclesiastical authority.

3. We must humbly confess our sins at least once a

year to a Priest having competent jurisdiction—*i.e.*, approved by the Bishop of the Diocese.

4. We must be careful to make our *Easter Duty*, by receiving Holy Communion at some time during the interval between the first Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.

5. According to our means we must contribute to the support of those who minister to us in spiritual things.

6. We must not marry non-Catholics, or any one related to us within the fourth degree of kindred; we must not marry clandestinely, or solemnize marriage within the prohibited times.

PRAYERS WHICH EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW BY HEART.

The Invocation.

IN nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. *Amen.*	IN the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

PATER NOSTER, qui es in cœlis, sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum: fiat voluntas tua, sicut in cœlo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da no-	OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and

bis hodie: et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem: sed libera nos a malo. *Amen.*

forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

The Hail Mary.

AVE, Maria, gratia plena; Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. *Amen.*

HAIL, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

The Creed.

CREDO in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem cœli et terræ; et in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus unicum, Dominum nostrum: qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus; mortuus, et sepultus. Descendit ad inferos; tertia die resurrexit a mortuis; ascendit ad cœlos,

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascend-

sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis; indè venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, Sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam, Sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam æternam.

Amen.

ed into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Confiteor.

CONFITEOR Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, (et tibi, Pater,) quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo, et opere, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, (et te, Pa-

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, (and to you, Father,) that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apos-

ter,) orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.	tles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, (and you, Father,) to pray to the Lord our God for me.
Misereatur nostri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis nostris, perducat nos ad vitam æternam. *Amen.*	May Almighty God have mercy upon us, and forgive us our sins, and bring us unto life everlasting. *Amen.*
Indulgentiam, ✠ absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum, tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus. *Amen.*	May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins. *Amen.*

The Gloria Patri, or Lesser Doxology.

GLORIA Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*	GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Morning Prayers.

THE OFFICE OF PRIME.

Before Prime are said inaudibly the Our Father, *the* Hail Mary, *and the* I believe in God.

Then is said aloud:

COME unto my help, O God.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.
Alleluia (*or, in Lent,* Praise to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory).

Then is said the following hymn *

THE star of morn to night succeeds;
We therefore meekly pray,
May God, in all our words and deeds,
Keep us from harm this day.

May He in love restrain us still
From tones of strife and words of ill,
And wrap around and close our eyes
To earth's absorbing vanities.

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* Translation by Cardinal Newman.

May wrath and thoughts that gender shame
Ne'er in our breasts abide,
And painful abstinences tame
Of wanton flesh the pride ;

So when the weary day is o'er,
And night and stillness come once more,
Blameless and clean from spot of earth
We may repeat with reverent mirth—

To God the Father glory be,
And to His Only Son,
And to the Spirit, One and Three,
While endless ages run. *Amen.*

Then follow the Psalms, which are said under one Antiphon :

Ant. for Sundays. Alleluia.
Ant. for week-days. Blessed are they that walk.

Psalm 53.

SAVE me, O God, by Thy name : and judge me in Thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God : give ear unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the mighty have sought after my soul : and they have not set God before their eyes.

For behold, God is my helper : and the Lord is the protector of my soul.

Turn back evil upon mine enemies : and destroy Thou them in Thy truth.

I will freely sacrifice unto Thee, and will praise Thy name, O Lord : for it is good :

For Thou hast delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath looked down upon mine enemies.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 118.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way : who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that search His testimonies : that seek Him with their whole heart.

For they that work iniquity : have not walked in His ways.

Thou hast commanded that Thy commandments be kept most diligently.

O that my ways may be so directed : that I may keep Thine ordinances.

Then shall I not be confounded : when I shall have regard to all Thy commandments.

I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart : when I shall have learned the judgments of Thy justice.

I will keep Thine ordinances : O forsake me not utterly.

By what doth a young man correct his way ? even by keeping Thy words.

With my whole heart have I sought after Thee : let me not stray from Thy commandments.

Thy words have I hidden within my heart : that I may not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord : O teach me Thine ordinances.

With my lips have I declared : all the judgments of Thy mouth.

I have had delight in the way of Thy testimonies : even as in all riches.

I will meditate on Thy commandments: and I will consider Thy ways.

I will think upon Thine ordinances: I will not forget Thy words.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

DEAL bountifully with Thy servant: quicken Thou me, and I shall keep Thy words.

Open Thou mine eyes: and I shall see the wondrous things of Thy law.

I am a sojourner upon earth: O hide not Thy commandments from me.

My soul hath longed greatly: to desire Thine ordinances at all times.

Thou hast rebuked the proud: cursed are they that do err from Thy commandments.

O take from me shame and contempt: for I have sought after Thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but Thy servant was occupied in Thy statutes.

For Thy testimonies are my meditation: and Thine ordinances are my counsel.

My soul hath cleaved to the earth: O quicken Thou me according to Thy word.

I have declared my ways, and Thou heardest me: teach me Thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of Thine ordinances: and I will meditate on Thy wondrous works.

My soul hath slumbered through weariness: strengthen Thou me in Thy words.

Remove from me the way of iniquity: and have mercy on me in Thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth: I have not forgotten Thy judgments.

I have cleaved unto Thy testimonies, O Lord: put me not to shame.

I have run in the way of Thy commandments: when Thou didst enlarge my heart.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

[*The following creed is said only on* Sundays, *when the* Sunday Office *is recited:*

The Creed of St. Athanasius.

QUICUMQUE vult salvus esse, * ante omnia opus est, ut teneat Catholicam fidem.

Quam nisi quisque integram inviolatamque servaverit, * absque dubio in æternum peribit.

Fides autem Catholica hæc est, * ut unum Deum in Trinitate, et Trinitatem in unitate veneremur.

Neque confundentes personas, * neque substantiam separantes.

Alia est enim persona Patris, alia Filii, * alia Spiritus Sancti.

Sed Patris, et Filii, et

WHOSOEVER desires to be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic faith.

Which faith, except every one do keep entire and inviolate, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

Now the Catholic faith is this: that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.

Neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the

Spiritus Sancti una est divinitas, * æqualis gloria, coæterna majestas.	Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is one ; the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.
Qualis Pater, talis Filius, * talis Spiritus Sanctus.	As the Father is, such is the Son, such the Holy Ghost.
Increatus Pater, increatus Filius, * increatus Spiritus Sanctus.	The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, the Holy Ghost uncreate.
Immensus Pater, immensus Filius, * immensus Spiritus Sanctus.	The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Ghost infinite.
Æternus Pater, æternus Filius, * æternus Spiritus Sanctus.	The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Ghost eternal.
Et tamen non tres æterni, * sed unus æternus.	And yet they are not three eternals, but one Eternal.
Sicut non tres increati, nec tres immensi, * sed unus increatus, et unus immensus.	As also they are not three uncreates, nor three infinites ; but one Uncreate, and one Infinite.
Similiter omnipotens Pater, omnipotens Filius, * omnipotens Spiritus Sanctus.	In like manner the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.
Et tamen non tres omnipotentes, * sed unus omnipotens.	And yet they are not three almighties, but one Almighty.
Ita Deus Pater, Deus Filius, * Deus Spiritus Sanctus.	So the Father is God, the Son God, and the Holy Ghost God.

Et tamen non tres Dii, * sed unus est Deus.

Ita Dominus Pater, Dominus Filius, * Dominus Spiritus Sanctus.

Et tamen non tres Domini, * sed unus est Dominus.

Quia sicut singillatim unamquamque personam Deum ac Dominum confiteri Christiana veritate compellimur : * ita tres Deos aut Dominos dicere Catholica religione prohibemur.

Pater a nullo est factus, * nec creatus, nec genitus.

Filius a Patre solo est : * non factus, nec creatus, sed genitus.

Spiritus Sanctus a Patre et Filio : * non factus, nec creatus, nec genitus, sed procedens.

Unus ergo Pater, non tres Patres : unus Filius, non tres Filii : * unus Spiritus Sanctus, non tres Spiritus Sancti.

Et in hac Trinitate nihil prius aut posterius, nihil

And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Ghost is Lord.

And yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For as we are obliged by the Christian Truth to acknowledge every Person singly to be God and Lord : so we are forbidden by the Catholic religion to say there are three Gods or three Lords.

The Father was made by no one, neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is by the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is from the Father and the Son, not made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers : one Son, not three Sons : one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity there is nothing before or after,

majus aut minus: * sed totæ tres personæ coæternæ sibi sunt, et coæquales.	nothing greater or less; but the whole three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal.
Ita ut per omnia, sicut jam supra dictum est, * et unitas in Trinitate, et Trinitas in unitate veneranda sit.	So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity is to be worshipped in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity.
Qui vult ergo salvus esse, * ita de Trinitate sentiat.	He, therefore, that desires to be saved must thus believe of the Trinity.
Sed necessarium est ad æternam salutem, * ut incarnationem quoque Domini nostri Jesu Christi fideliter credat.	Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Est ergo fides recta, ut credamus et confiteamur, * quia Dominus noster Jesus Christus Dei Filius, Deus et homo est.	Now the right faith is, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and man.
Deus est ex substantia Patris ante sæcula genitus: * et homo est ex substantia matris in sæculo natus.	He is God of the substance of His Father, begotten before the world; and He is man of the substance of His Mother, born in the world:
Perfectus Deus, perfectus homo: * ex anima rationali, et humana carne subsistens.	Perfect God and perfect man; of rational soul and human flesh subsisting,
Æqualis Patri secundum divinitatem: * minor Pa-	Equal to the Father according to His Divinity;

tre secundum humanitatem.

Qui, licet Deus sit et homo, * non duo tamen, sed unus est Christus.

Unus autem, non conversione divinitatis in carnem, * sed assumptione humanitatis in Deum.

Unus omnino, non confusione substantiæ, * sed unitate personæ.

Nam, sicut anima rationalis et caro unus est homo, * ita Deus et homo unus est Christus :

Qui passus est pro salute nostra, descendit ad inferos, * tertia die resurrexit a mortuis :

Ascendit ad cœlos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis : * inde venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos :

Ad cujus adventum omnes homines resurgere habent cum corporibus suis, * et reddituri sunt de factis propriis rationem.

Et qui bona egerunt, ibunt in vitam æternam :

and less than the Father according to His humanity.

Who, although He be both God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ :

One, not by the conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by the assuming of human nature unto God:

One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and the body constitutes one man, so God and man is one Christ :

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, arose again the third day from the dead :

He ascended into heaven; He sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead :

At whose coming all men must arise again with their bodies, and must give an account of their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life ever-

qui vero mala, in ignem æternum.	lasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.
Hæc est fides Catholica: quam nisi quisque fideliter firmiterque crediderit, salvus esse non poterit.	This is the Catholic faith, which except a man believe faithfully and steadfastly he cannot be saved.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.]

Antiphon for Sundays, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. *At Easter a fourth* Alleluia.

Antiphon for Week-days:

BLESSED are they that walk in Thy law, O Lord.

Then is said the Chapter.

Sundays.

UNTO the King of ages, the Immortal, Invisible, only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

R. Thanks be to God.

Week-days.

LOVE peace and truth, saith the Lord Almighty.

R. Thanks be to God.

Then follows the short Responsory:

CHRIST, Thou Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, Thou Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

V. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father,

R. Have mercy on us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Christ, Thou Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

V. Arise, O Christ, and help us.

R. And deliver us for Thy name's sake.

After the short responsory follow these prayers, called the Preces, *except on* Double Feasts *and within* Octaves, *when they are omitted down to the mark* (*) :

LORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

I believe in God (*inaudibly*).

V. The resurrection of the body.

R. And the life everlasting. Amen.

V. But I, O Lord, have cried unto Thee.

R. And in the morning my prayer shall come early before Thee.

V. Let my mouth be filled with praise.

R. That I may sing of Thy glory; and of Thy greatness all the day long.

V. O Lord, turn away Thy face from my sins.

R. And blot out all my iniquities.

V. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

R. And renew a right spirit within me.

V. Cast me not away from Thy face.

R. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

V. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.

R. And strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

[*These prayers within the brackets are said only on week-days:*

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man.

R. And rescue me from the unjust man.

V. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God.

R. And defend me from them that rise up against me.

V. Deliver me from them that work iniquity.

R. And save me from the men of blood.

V. So will I sing a psalm unto Thy name for ever and ever.

R. That I may pay my vows from day to day.

V. Hear us, O God our Saviour.

R. Who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and in the sea afar off.

V. Come unto my help, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,

R. Have mercy on us.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

R. And let all that is within me bless His holy name.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

R. And forget not all His benefits.

V. Who forgiveth thee all thine iniquities.

R. Who healeth all thine infirmities.

V. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction.

R. Who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion.

V. Who satisfieth thy desire with good things.

R. Thy youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.]

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

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Then the office continues as follows :

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, this day
R. To keep us without sin.
V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
R. Have mercy on us.
V. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
R. As we have hoped in Thee.

** Here the office is resumed when the* Preces *have been omitted :*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD, God Almighty, who hast brought us to the beginning of this day: let Thy power so defend us therein, that this day we fall into no sin, but that all our thoughts, words, and works may always tend to what is just in Thy sight. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

Here is read the Martyrology, *if read at all; after which the office proceeds thus*

V. Precious in the sight of the Lord
R. Is the death of His saints.

MAY the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints plead for us with the Lord, that we may deserve to be helped and delivered by Him who liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.

V. Come unto my help, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me. (*This versicle and response is said thrice.*)

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. As it was in the beginning, etc.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Look upon Thy servants, O Lord, and upon Thy works, and direct their children.

R. And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and direct Thou the works of our hands over us : yea, the work of our hands do Thou direct.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. As it was in the beginning, etc.

Let us pray.

O LORD GOD, King of heaven and earth, vouchsafe this day to direct and to sanctify, to rule and to govern, our souls and bodies, our senses, words, and actions, in Thy law, and in the works of Thy commandments ; that both now and for ever we may deserve to be saved and delivered through Thy protection, O Saviour of the world, who livest and reignest, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, grant Thy blessing.

The Blessing: May the Lord Almighty order our days and deeds in His peace.

R. Amen.

Then is read the short lesson:

AND may the Lord direct our hearts in the love of God, and the patience of Christ. And do Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Bless ye.

R. God.

The Blessing: The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us unto life everlasting: and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

ANOTHER FORM OF MORNING PRAYERS.

As soon as you are awake, make the sign of the Cross, and say:

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts: the earth is full of Thy glory. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*(i)

When you are dressed, calling to mind the greatness of God, and your own nothingness, place yourself in His presence, and kneel down and say:

IN the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

MOST holy and adorable Trinity, one God in three Persons, I believe that Thou art here present; I adore Thee with the deepest humility, and render to Thee, with my whole heart, the homage which is due to Thy sovereign majesty.

O MY God, I most humbly thank Thee for all the favors Thou hast bestowed upon me up to the present moment. I give Thee thanks from the bottom of my heart that Thou hast created me after Thine own image and likeness, that Thou hast redeemed me by the precious blood of Thy dear Son, and that Thou hast preserved me and brought me safe to the beginning of another day. I offer to Thee, O Lord, my whole being, and in particular all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings of this day. I consecrate them all to the glory of Thy name, beseeching Thee that through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour they may all find acceptance in Thy sight. May Thy divine love animate them, and may they all tend to Thy greater glory.

ADORABLE Jesus, my Saviour and Master, model of all perfection, I resolve and will endeavor this day to imitate Thy example, to be, like Thee, mild, humble, chaste, zealous, charitable, and resigned. I will redouble my efforts that I may not fall this day into any of those sins which I have heretofore committed (*here you may name any besetting sin*), and which I sincerely desire to forsake.

O MY God, Thou knowest my poverty and weakness, and that I am unable to do anything good without Thee; deny me not, O God, the help of Thy grace; proportion it to my necessities; give me strength to avoid everything evil which Thou forbiddest, and to practise the good which Thou hast commanded; and enable me to bear patiently all the trials which it may please Thee to send me.

OUR Father. Hail Mary. I believe in God. I confess to Almighty God, etc.

[*Here the* Litany of the Holy Name, *p. 60, may be said.*]

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O MY God! I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; I believe that the Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O MY God! relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

O MY God! I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O MY God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. *Amen.*

O HOLY Virgin, Mother of God, my Mother and Patroness, I place myself under thy protection, I throw myself with confidence into the arms of thy compassion. Be to me, O Mother of mercy, my refuge in distress, my consolation under suffering, my advocate with thy adorable Son, now and at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

O FAITHFUL Guardian and Father of virgins, Blessed Joseph, to whom was confided the care of Jesus, and of Mary the Queen of Virgins, I most humbly supplicate thee, by the love thou dost bear Jesus and Mary, to obtain for me that, being preserved from every stain during my whole life, I may be ever able to serve them with unspotted purity of mind and body. *Amen.*(i)

ANGEL of God, my Guardian dear,
To whom His love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide. *Amen.*(i)

O GREAT Saint, whose name I bear, protect me, pray for me, that, like thee, I may serve God faithfully on earth, and glorify Him eternally with thee in heaven. *Amen.*

MAY the power of the Father govern and protect me! May the wisdom of the Son teach and enlighten me! May the influence of the Holy Ghost renew and quicken me! May the blessing of the All-holy Trinity, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with me, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THE ANGELUS.(1)

To be said Morning, Noon, and Night; kneeling, except on Saturday evening and throughout Sunday.

ANGELUS Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.	THE Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.	*R.* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
Ave, Maria, etc.	Hail, Mary, etc.
V. Ecce ancilla Domini.	*V.* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.	*R.* Be it done unto me according to Thy word.
Ave, Maria, etc.	Hail, Mary, etc.
V. ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST.	*V.* AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.
R. Et habitavit in nobis.	*R.* And dwelt among us.
Ave, Maria, etc.	Hail, Mary, etc.

Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur; per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*	POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son by the message of an Angel, so, by His Passion and Cross, we may be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Eastertide, *instead of the* Angelus, *the* Regina Cœli *(p. 78) is said standing.*

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES, ETC.

Composed by Archbishop Carroll, A.D. 1800.

WE pray Thee, O Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of Thy Name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life our chief Bishop, N., the Vicar of our Lord Jesus Christ in the government of His Church;

our own Bishop, (*or* Archbishop,) N. (*if he is not consecrated*, our Bishop-elect) ; all other Bishops, Prelates, and Pastors of the Church ; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist, with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people, over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion ; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy ; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government ; so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for his Excellency the Governor of this State, for the members of the Assembly, for all Judges, Magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare ; that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to Thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow-citizens, throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge, and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and repose in the sleep of peace: the souls of our parents, relations, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation; and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship, and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

GRACE BEFORE MEALS.

BLESS us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEALS.

WE give Thee thanks, O Almighty God, for all Thy mercies. Who livest and reignest world without end.

R. Amen.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good for Thy name's sake.

R. Amen.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.(i)

KYRIE eleison.		LORD, have mercy on us.	
Christe eleison.		*Christ, have mercy on us.*	
Kyrie eleison.		Lord, have mercy on us.	
Jesu, audi nos.		Jesus, hear us.	
Jesu, exaudi nos.		*Jesus, graciously hear us.*	
Pater de cœlis Deus, *miserere nobis.*		God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*	
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus,	*Miserere nobis.*	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	*Have mercy on us.*
Spiritus Sancte Deus,		God the Holy Ghost,	
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus,		Holy Trinity, One God,	
Jesu, Fili Dei vivi,		Jesus, Son of the living God,	
Jesu, splendor Patris,		Jesus, splendor of the Father,	
Jesu, candor lucis æternæ,		Jesus, brightness of Eternal Light,	
Jesu, rex gloriæ,		Jesus, King of glory,	

Jesu, sol justitiæ,	*Miserere nobis.*	Jesus, Sun of justice,	*Have mercy on us.*
Jesu, Fili Mariæ Virginis,		Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,	
Jesu amabilis,		Jesus, most amiable,	
Jesu admirabilis,		Jesus, most admirable,	
Jesu, Deus fortis,		Jesus, mighty God,	
Jesu, pater futuri sæculi,		Jesus, Father of the world to come,	
Jesu, magni consilii Angele,		Jesus, Angel of the great counsel,	
Jesu potentissime,		Jesus, most powerful,	
Jesu patientissime,		Jesus, most patient,	
Jesu obedientissime,		Jesus, most obedient,	
Jesu mitis et humilis corde,		Jesus, meek and humble of heart,	
Jesu, amator castitatis,		Jesus, lover of chastity,	
Jesu, amator noster,		Jesus, lover of us,	
Jesu, Deus pacis,		Jesus, God of peace,	
Jesu, auctor vitæ,		Jesus, Author of life,	
Jesu, exemplar virtutum,		Jesus, Model of virtues,	
Jesu, zelator animarum,		Jesus, zealous for souls,	
Jesu, Deus noster,		Jesus, our God,	
Jesu, refugium nostrum,		Jesus, our Refuge,	
Jesu, pater pauperum,		Jesus, Father of the poor,	
Jesu, thesaure fidelium,		Jesus, Treasure of the faithful,	
Jesu, bone pastor,		Jesus, good Shepherd,	
Jesu, lux vera,		Jesus, true Light,	

Jesu, sapientia æterna,	*Miserere nobis.*	Jesus, eternal Wisdom,	*Have mercy on us.*
Jesu, bonitas infinita,		Jesus, infinite Goodness,	
Jesu, via et vita nostra,		Jesus, our Way and our Life,	
Jesu, gaudium Angelorum,		Jesus, joy of Angels,	
Jesu, rex Patriarcharum,		Jesus, King of Patriarchs,	
Jesu, magister Apostolorum,		Jesus, Master of Apostles,	
Jesu, doctor Evangelistarum,		Jesus, Teacher of Evangelists,	
Jesu, fortitudo Martyrum,		Jesus, strength of Martyrs,	
Jesu, lumen Confessorum,		Jesus, light of Confessors,	
Jesu, puritas Virginum,		Jesus, purity of Virgins,	
Jesu, corona Sanctorum omnium,		Jesus, crown of all Saints,	
Propitius esto, *parce nobis, Jesu.*		Be merciful, *spare us, O Jesus.*	
Propitius esto, *exaudi nos, Jesu.*		Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Jesus.*	
Ab omni malo, *libera nos, Jesu.*		From all evil, *Jesus, deliver us.*	
Ab omni peccato,	*Libera nos, Jesu.*	From all sin,	*Jesus, deliver us.*
Ab ira tua,		From Thy wrath,	
Ab insidiis diaboli,		From the snares of the devil,	
A spiritu fornicationis,		From the spirit of fornication,	

A morte perpetua,	*Libera nos, Jesu.*	From everlasting death,	*Jesus, deliver us.*
A neglectu inspirationum tuarum,		From neglect of Thy inspirations,	
Per mysterium sanctæ incarnationis tuæ,		Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,	
Per nativitatem tuam,		Through Thy Nativity,	
Per infantiam tuam,		Through Thine Infancy,	
Per divinissimam vitam tuam,		Through Thy most divine Life,	
Per labores tuos,		Through Thy Labors,	
Per agoniam et passionem tuam,		Through Thine Agony and Passion,	
Per crucem et derelictionem tuam,		Through Thy Cross and Abandonment,	
Per languores tuos,		Through Thy Sufferings,	
Per mortem et sepulturam tuam,		Through Thy Death and Burial,	
Per resurrectionem tuam,		Through Thy Resurrection,	
Per ascensionem tuam,		Through Thine Ascension,	
Per gaudia tua,		Through Thy Joys,	
Per gloriam tuam,		Through Thy Glory,	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *parce nobis, Jesu.*		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Jesus.*	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-		Lamb of God, who takest	

cata mundi, *exaudi nos, Jesu.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *miserere nobis, Jesu.*

Jesu, audi nos.
Jesu, exaudi nos.

Oremus.

DOMINE Jesu Christe, qui dixisti: Petite, et accipietis; quærite, et invenietis; pulsate, et aperietur vobis: quæsumus, da nobis petentibus divinissimi tui amoris affectum, ut te toto corde, ore et opere diligamus, et a tua nunquam laude cessemus.

Sancti Nominis tui, Domine, timorem pariter et amorem fac nos habere perpetuum, quia nunquam tua gubernatione destituis quos in soliditate tuæ dilectionis instituis. Qui vivis et regnas, etc. *Amen.*

away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast said: Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: grant, we beseech Thee, unto us who ask, the gift of Thy most divine Love, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts, and in all our words and actions, and never cease from showing forth Thy praise.

Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name; for Thou never failest to govern those whom Thou dost solidly establish in Thy love. Who livest and reignest, etc. *Amen.*

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin,

COMMONLY CALLED

THE LITANY OF LORETO.(i)

SUB tuum præsidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genitrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities: but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

KYRIE eleison.	LORD, have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy on us.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe audi nos.	Christ, hear us.
Christe exaudi nos.	*Christ, graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus, *miserere nobis.*	God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, *miserere nobis.*	God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
Spiritus Sancte Deus, *miserere nobis.*	God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, *miserere nobis.*		Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*	
Sancta Maria, *ora pro nobis.*		Holy Mary, *pray for us.*	
Sancta Dei genitrix,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mother of God,	*Pray for us.*
Sancta Virgo virginum,		Holy Virgin of virgins,	
Mater Christi,		Mother of Christ,	
Mater divinæ gratiæ,		Mother of divine grace,	
Mater purissima,		Mother most pure,	
Mater castissima,		Mother most chaste,	
Mater inviolata,		Mother inviolate,	
Mater intemerata,		Mother undefiled,	
Mater amabilis,		Mother most amiable,	
Mater admirabilis,		Mother most admirable,	
Mater Creatoris,		Mother of our Creator,	
Mater Salvatoris,		Mother of our Saviour,	
Virgo prudentissima,		Virgin most prudent,	
Virgo veneranda,		Virgin most venerable,	
Virgo prædicanda,		Virgin most renowned,	
Virgo potens,		Virgin most powerful,	
Virgo clemens,		Virgin most merciful,	
Virgo fidelis,		Virgin most faithful,	
Speculum justitiæ,		Mirror of justice,	
Sedes sapientiæ,		Seat of wisdom,	
Causa nostræ lætitiæ,		Cause of our joy,	
Vas spirituale,		Spiritual vessel,	
Vas honorabile,		Vessel of honor,	
Vas insigne devotionis,		Singular vessel of devotion,	
Rosa mystica,		Mystical rose,	
Turris Davidica,		Tower of David,	

Turris eburnea,		Tower of ivory,	
Domus aurea,		House of gold,	
Fœderis arca,		Ark of the covenant,	
Janua cœli,		Gate of heaven,	
Stella matutina,		Morning star,	
Salus infirmorum,		Health of the sick,	
Refugium peccatorum,		Refuge of sinners,	
Consolatrix afflictorum,		Comforter of the afflicted,	
Auxilium Christianorum,		Help of Christians,	
Regina Angelorum,		Queen of Angels,	
Regina Patriarcharum,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Queen of Patriarchs,	*Pray for us.*
Regina Prophetarum,		Queen of Prophets,	
Regina Apostolorum,		Queen of Apostles,	
Regina Martyrum,		Queen of Martyrs,	
Regina Confessorum,		Queen of Confessors,	
Regina Virginum,		Queen of Virgins,	
Regina Sanctorum omnium,		Queen of all Saints,	
Regina, sine labe originali concepta,		Queen conceived without original sin,	
Regina sacratissimi Rosarii,		Queen of the most holy Rosary,	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *parce nobis, Domine.*		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *exaudi nos, Domine.*		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*	
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cata mundi, *miserere nobis.*

V. Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur; per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum. *R.* Amen.

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V. May the divine assistance remain always with us. *R.* Amen.

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Evening Prayers.

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE.

LORD, grant Thy blessing.

THE BLESSING.

MAY the Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end.

R. Amen.

SHORT LESSON.

BRETHREN, be sober, and vigilant, for your adversary the devil as a roaring lion goeth about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist strong in faith. And do Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.
V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Our Father (*inaudibly*).

Then follows the Confiteor, *p. 35.*

Then is said:

CONVERT us, O God our Saviour.
R. And turn away Thine anger from us.
V. Come unto my help, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia (*or, in Lent,* Praise to Thee, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory).

Ant. Have mercy.

In Paschal time, Ant. Alleluia.

Psalm 4.

WHEN I called upon Him, the God of my justice heard me: when I was in straits, Thou didst set me at liberty.

Have mercy on me: and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye be dull of heart? why do ye love vanity, and seek after lying?

Know ye also that the Lord hath exalted His holy one: the Lord will hear me when I cry unto Him.

Be ye angry, and sin not: the things ye say in your hearts, be sorry for upon your beds.

Offer up the sacrifice of justice, and trust in the Lord: many say, Who showeth us good things?

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us: Thou hast given gladness in my heart.

By the fruit of their corn, and wine, and oil: are they multiplied.

In peace in the self-same: I will sleep, and I will rest.

For Thou, O Lord, alone: hast established me in hope.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 30.

IN Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice.

Bow down Thine ear unto me: make haste to deliver me.

Be Thou unto me a God, a protector: and a house of refuge to save me.

For Thou art my strength and my refuge: and for Thy name's sake Thou wilt lead me, and nourish me.

Thou wilt bring me out of this snare, which they have hidden for me: for Thou art my protector.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 90.

HE that dwelleth in the help of the Most High: shall abide under the protection of the God of Heaven.

He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my upholder, and my refuge: my God, in Him will I hope.

For He hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters; and from the sharp word.

He shall overshadow thee with His shoulders: and under His wings shalt thou trust.

His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid for the terror of the night;

For the arrow that flieth in the day; for the plague that walketh in the darkness; for the assault of the evil one in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

But with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and shalt see the reward of the wicked.

For Thou, O Lord, art my hope: thou hast made the Most High thy refuge.

There shall no evil approach unto thee: neither shall the scourge come nigh thy dwelling.

For He hath given His Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

In their hands they shall bear thee up: lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk: the lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot.

Because he hath hoped in Me, I will deliver him: I will protect him, because he hath known My name.

He shall cry unto Me, and I will hear him: I am with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and I will glorify him.

I will fill him with length of days: and will show him My salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 133.

BEHOLD, now bless ye the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands by night to the holy places: and bless ye the Lord.

May the Lord bless thee out of Sion: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Have mercy on me, O Lord, and hear my prayer.

THE HYMN.*

NOW that the daylight dies away,
By all Thy grace and love,
Thee, Maker of the world, we pray
To watch our bed above.

Let dreams depart and phantoms fly,
The offspring of the night;
Keep us, like shrines, beneath Thine eye,
Pure in our foes' despite.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
Father, Co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One. *Amen.*

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

THOU, O Lord, art among us, and Thy holy name is called upon us: forsake us not, O Lord our God.

R. Thanks be to God.

Short Responsory.

INTO Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

R. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, God of truth.

R. I commend my spirit.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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* Translation by Cardinal Newman.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of Thine eye.
R. Protect us under the shadow of Thy wings.

THE CANTICLE OF SIMEON.

Ant. Save us.

NOW, O Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation.
Which Thou hast prepared: in sight of all nations.
Light to enlighten the gentiles: and glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Save us, O Lord, watching, guard us sleeping: that we may watch with Christ, and may rest in peace. (*At Eastertide*, Alleluia.)

LORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
I believe in God (*inaudibly*).
V. The resurrection of the body.
R. And the life everlasting. Amen.
V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
R. And worthy to be praised and glorified for ever.
V. Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost.
R. Let us praise and exalt Him above all for ever.
V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of Heaven.

R. And worthy to be praised, and glorified, and exalted above all for ever.

V. May the Almighty and merciful Lord bless and protect us.

R. Amen.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night

R. To keep us without sin.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

V. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

R. As we have hoped in Thee.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let Thy holy Angels dwell therein to keep us in peace: and may Thy blessing be upon us always. Through our Lord, etc.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING.

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord bless and protect us; the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

Then is said one of the Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin, *according* *to the season. The* Antiphon *is to be said kneeling, except in Eastertide, when it is to be said standing.*

I.

From Vespers of Saturday before the First Sunday *in* Advent *to the* Purification, *inclusive.*

ALMA Redemptoris Mater quæ pervia cœli
Porta manes, et Stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quæ genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore,
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

MOTHER of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and Portal of the sky!
Mother of Him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

In Advent.

ANGELUS Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

THE Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Oremus.

GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam

Let us pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son by the message of an Angel, so, by His Passion and Cross, we may be

perducamur; per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Christmas day *to the* Purification.

POST partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

AFTER child-birth thou didst remain a pure virgin.

R. O Mother of God, intercede for us.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, hast given unto mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may feel that she intercedes for us, through whom we have been made worthy to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

R. Amen.

II.

From the Feast of the Purification *to* Maundy Thursday, *exclusively.*

AVE, Regina cœlorum!
Ave, domina angelorum!

HAIL! O Queen of Heav'n enthron'd!
Hail! by angels mistress own'd!

Salve, radix, salve, porta,	Root of Jesse, Gate of morn,
Ex qua mundo Lux est orta.	Whence the world's true Light was born.
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,	Glorious Virgin! joy to thee,
Super omnes speciosa.	Loveliest whom in Heaven they see.
Vale, O valde decora!	Fairest thou where all are fair!
Et pro nobis Christum exora.	Plead with Christ our sins to spare.
V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.	*V.* Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin.
R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.	*R.* Give me strength against thine enemies.
Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
CONCEDE, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium; ut qui sanctæ Dei Genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.	GRANT, O merciful God, defence to our weakness; that we who now celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God may, by the aid of her intercession, rise again from our sins. Through the same Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

III.

From Holy Saturday *till* Trinity Eve.

REGINA Cœli, lætare! Alleluia.	O QUEEN of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia,	For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia,

Resurrexit sicut dixit. Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria. Alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere. Alleluia.

Hath arisen, as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum lætificare dignatus es; præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus Genitricem Virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, through the Resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech Thee, that, through His Virgin Mother, Mary, we may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

IV.

From First Vespers of Trinity Sunday *to* Advent.

SALVE, Regina, mater misericordiæ; vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Hevæ; ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrymarum

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning

valle. Eia ergo, Advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte; et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende, O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto cooperante, præparasti; da ut cujus commemoratione lætamur, ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, who, by the co operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother, Mary, to become the fit habitation of Thy Son; grant that we who now rejoice in her commemoration may, by her gracious intercession, be delivered from all the evils that threaten us, and from everlasting death. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.	*V.* May the divine assistance remain always with us.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Pater Noster, Ave Maria, Credo (*secreto*).	Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe in God (*inaudibly*).

ANOTHER FORM OF EVENING PRAYERS.

IN the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

O MY God, I present myself before Thee at the end of another day, to offer Thee anew the homage of my heart. I humbly adore Thee, my Creator, my Redeemer, and my Judge! I believe in Thee, because Thou art Truth itself; I hope in Thee, because Thou art faithful to Thy promises; I love Thee with my whole heart, because Thou art infinitely worthy of being loved; and for Thy sake I love my neighbor as myself.

ENABLE me, O my God, to return Thee thanks as I ought for all Thine inestimable blessings and favors. Thou hast thought of me, and loved me from all eternity; Thou hast formed me out of nothing; Thou hast delivered up Thy beloved Son to the ignominious death of the Cross for my redemption; Thou hast made me a member of Thy holy Church; Thou hast preserved me from falling into the abyss of eternal misery, when my sins had provoked Thee to punish me; and Thou hast graciously continued to spare me, even though I have not ceased to offend Thee. What return, O my God, can I make for Thine innumerable blessings, and particularly for the favors of this day? O all ye Saints and Angels, unite with me in praising the God of mercies, who is so bountiful to so unworthy a creature.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe in God.

Ask of God light to discover the sins committed this day.

O MY God, sovereign Judge of men, who desirest, not the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted and saved, enlighten my mind, that I may know the sins which I have this day committed in thought, word, or deed, and give me the grace of true contrition.

Here examine your Conscience: then say:

O MY God, I heartily repent, and am grieved that I have offended Thee, because Thou art infinitely good, and sin is infinitely displeasing to Thee. I humbly ask of Thee mercy and pardon, through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ. I resolve, by the assistance of Thy grace, to do penance for my sins, and I will endeavor never more to offend Thee.

I confess to Almighty God, etc.

[*Here may be said the* Litany of Loreto, *p.* 65.]

O GOD, hear my prayers on behalf of our Holy Father Pope N., our Bishop N., our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, I beseech Thee, the whole Catholic Church, and convert all heretics and unbelievers. Pour down Thy blessings, O Lord, upon all my friends, relations, and acquaintances, and upon my enemies, if I have any. Help the poor and sick, and those who are in their last agony. O God of mercy and goodness, have compassion on the souls of the faithful in purgatory ; put an end to their sufferings, and grant to them eternal light, rest, and happiness. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who savest all, and willest not that any should perish, look, we beseech Thee, upon the souls that are led astray by the deceits of the devil; that, rejecting all errors, the hearts of those who err may be converted, and return to the unity of Thy truth. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS, O Lord, the repose I am about to take, that, my bodily strength being renewed, I may be the better enabled to serve Thee. *Amen.*

O BLESSED Virgin Mary, Mother of mercy, pray for me, that I may be preserved this night from all evil, whether of body or soul. Blessed St. Joseph, and all ye saints and angels of Paradise, especially my guardian angel and my chosen patron, watch over me. I commend myself to your protection now and always. *Amen.*

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts : the earth is full of Thy glory. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*(i)

Instructions for Hearing Mass.

WHAT THE MASS IS, AND FOR WHAT END IT IS TO BE OFFERED.

FROM the beginning of the world the servants of God were always accustomed to offer Sacrifice to Him, by way of acknowledging His sovereignty and paying their homage to Him; and in all ancient religions, true or false, this worship of Sacrifice was always regarded as a most solemn act of religion, due to the Deity worshipped.

In the law of nature, and in the law of Moses, there was a great variety of Sacrifices: some bloody, in which the victim was slain; others unbloody. Some were called Holocausts, or whole burnt-offerings, in which the whole host or victim was consumed in fire upon God's altar, for His honor and glory; others were called Sin-offerings, which were offered for sins; others were offerings of Thanksgivings; others were pacific or Peace-offerings, which were offered for obtaining favors of God—the word "peace" in the Scripture style signifying all manner of good and prosperity.

All these Sacrifices of the law of nature, and of the law of Moses, were of themselves but *weak and needy elements* (*Gal. iv. 9*), and only figures of a Sacrifice to come, viz., that of Jesus Christ; in consideration of which Sacrifice only, and of the faith of the offerers, by which they believed in the Redeemer to come, those ancient Sacrifices were then accepted by the Divine Majesty, when they were accompanied with the inward sacrifice of the heart; but not for any intrinsic worth or dignity of the things offered, for no other blood but the Blood of Christ could wash away sins. Hence, St. Paul says (*Heb. x. 5*), quoting from the 39th Psalm: *Sacrifice and oblation Thou wouldst not have: but Thou hast fitted to Me a Body.* This gives us to understand that, by reason of the insufficiency of the Sacrifices of the old law, Christ Himself would come to be our Sacrifice, and would offer up His own Body and Blood for us.

Accordingly, our Saviour Jesus Christ, at the time appointed by His Father, having taken flesh for us, was pleased to offer Himself a Sacrifice for us, dying upon the Cross for the sins of the whole world. By this one offering we were completely redeemed, inasmuch as our ransom was paid, and all mercy, grace, and salvation were purchased for us. Neither can there now be any need of His dying any more, or purchasing any other graces for us than those for which He has already paid the price of His Blood.

Nevertheless, for the daily application of this one eternal Redemption to our souls, and that the mercy, grace, and salvation which He has purchased for us may be actually communicated to us, He not only continually appears in our behalf in the Sanctuary of Heaven, there representing and offering to His Father His Passion and Death for us, but He has also instituted the Blessed Eucharist, the night before His Passion, in which He bequeathed us His Body and Blood, under the sacramental veils, not only to be received by us as a Sacrament, for the food and nourishment of our souls, but also (mystically delivered) to be offered and presented by His ministers to His Father as a Sacrifice: not by way of a new death, but by way of a standing Memorial of His death; a daily celebrating and representing of His death to God, and an applying to our souls of the fruits thereof.

This Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ, daily offered under the forms of bread and wine, in remembrance of His Passion, is what we call the MASS. This is the solemn Liturgy of the Catholic Church. This is that pure Offering which is made to God in every place among the Gentiles, according to the prophecy of Malachi (*i. 10, 11*). By this, Christ is a Priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech (*Psalm 109*), whose Sacrifice was bread and wine (*Gen. xv.*)

This Sacrifice of the Mass is the same in substance with that which Christ offered for us upon the Cross; because both the

Victim offered, and the Priest or principal Offerer, is the same Jesus Christ. The difference is only in the *manner* of the offering; because upon the Cross our Saviour offered Himself in such a manner as really to shed His Blood and die for us; whereas now He does not really shed His Blood, or die. And therefore this is called an unbloody Sacrifice; and that of the Cross a bloody Sacrifice.

By virtue of this essential sameness, the Sacrifice of the Mass completely answers all the different ends of Sacrifice, and that in a way infinitely more effective than any of the ancient Sacrifices. Christ is here both Priest and Victim, representing in person and offering up His Passion and Death to His Father.

This Sacrifice of the Mass is offered up to God, in the Catholic Church, first as a daily remembrance of the Passion of Christ: *This do for the commemoration of Me* (1 *Cor. xi.* 24); secondly, as a most solemn worship of the Divine Majesty; thirdly, as a most acceptable thanksgiving to God, from whence it has the name of Eucharist; fourthly, as a most powerful means to move God to show mercy to us in the forgiveness of our sins, for which reason we call it propitiatory; and, lastly, as a most effectual way to obtain of God all that we need, coming to Him, as we here do, with Christ and through Christ.

For these ends both Priest and people ought to offer up the Sacrifice of the Mass—the Priest, as Christ's minister and in His person; and the people, by the hands of the Priest; and both the one and the other by the hands of the Great High-Priest Jesus Christ. And with this offering of Christ, both the one and the other should make a total offering of themselves also by His hands and in union with Him.

OF THE CEREMONY OF MASS.

ALTHOUGH the homage which man owes to his Creator so essentially consists in the interior dispositions of the soul that without these all outward worship is unprofitable and vain, yet the constitution of our nature is such as to require external signs and ceremonies which may operate through the medium of the bodily senses upon our souls, and elevate them to God. To this end are directed all the Ceremonies of the Church, and it is the Christian's duty to learn how to use them accordingly. Hence—

1. The custom of placing a vessel containing *blessed* or HOLY WATER at the entrance of the Church has been handed down to us from the Apostolic age. Into this vessel the faithful dip the fingers of the right hand, and make upon themselves the Sign of the Cross, repeating at the same time the invocation of the Ever-blessed Trinity. As water denotes purity and innocence, by using it on entering a place of worship we are admonished with what purity of heart and mind we should appear in the presence of our Maker.

2. The SIGN OF THE CROSS, which we make upon ourselves in taking holy water, as well as on many other occasions, is a sign or ceremony in which, with St. Paul (*Gal. vi. 14*), we should place our greatest happiness and glory, as being a striking memorial of the sufferings and death of our Redeemer—that mystery whence are derived all our hopes for mercy, grace, and salvation. By the words that accompany this ceremony we are no less forcibly reminded that God whom we serve, although *One* in nature, exists in *Three Persons* really distinct from each other.

3. The first object that arrests the Christian's notice on entering a Church is the ALTAR, with its TABERNACLE and CRUCIFIX. The *Altar* is the place of Sacrifice –another Calvary, as it were—whereon is celebrated, as Christ ordained, the memorial of His Passion and Death by the pure and unbloody Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. Upon the Altar we always see a *Crucifix*, or image of our Saviour upon the Cross; that as the Mass is said in remembrance of Christ's Passion and Death, both Priest and people may have before their eyes during this Sacrifice the image which puts them in mind of those Mysteries. The *Tabernacle* contains the Blessed Sacrament. It is to JESUS CHRIST, therefore, truly present within the Tabernacle, that we bend the knee in homage and adoration when we enter or depart from the Church.

4. As the Mass represents the Passion of Christ, and the Priest officiates in His person, so the VESTMENTS in which he officiates represent those in which Christ was ignominiously clothed at the time of His Passion. Thus, the *Amice* represents the cloth with which the Jews muffled our Saviour's Face when at every blow they bade Him prophesy who it was that struck Him. The *Alb* represents the white garment with which He was vested by Herod. The *Girdle*, *Maniple*, and *Stole* represent the cords and bands with which He was bound in the different stages of His Passion. The *Chasuble*, or outward Vestment,

represents the purple garment with which He was clothed as a mock King; upon this is embroidered a Cross, to represent that which Christ bore upon His sacred shoulders. Lastly, the Priest's *Tonsure*, which is worn in all Catholic countries, is to represent the crown of thorns which our Saviour wore.

Moreover, as in the old law the Priests who were wont to officiate in the sacred functions had, by the appointment of God, *Vestments* assigned for that purpose—as well for the greater decency and solemnity of the Divine worship as to signify the virtues which God required of His ministers—so it was proper that in the Church of the New Testament Christ's ministers should in their sacred functions be distinguished in like manner from the laity by their sacred Vestments; which might also represent the virtues which God requires in them. Thus, the *Amice* represents divine *Hope*, which St. Paul calls the *helmet of salvation;* the *Alb*, *Innocence of life;* the *Girdle*, *Purity* and *Chastity;* the *Maniple*, *Patience* in enduring the labors of this mortal life; the *Stole*, the sweet *Yoke of Christ*, to be borne in this life in order to attain a happy immortality; the *Chasuble*, which covers all the rest, the virtue of *Charity*, which, as St. Peter tells us, *covereth a multitude of sins.*

In these Vestments the Church uses five colors, viz., *White*, on the Feasts of our Lord, of the Blessed Virgin, of the Angels, and of the Saints who were not martyrs, and on the Sundays in Eastertide; *Red*, on the Feasts of Pentecost, of the Finding and Exaltation of the Cross, and of the Apostles and Martyrs; *Violet*, in the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, and upon Vigils and Ember-days; *Green*, on most other Sundays and ordinary days throughout the year; and *Black*, on Good Friday, and in Masses for the Dead.

5. There are always LIGHTED CANDLES upon the Altar during Mass, as well to honor the victory and triumph of our great King by these lights, which are tokens of our joy and of His Glory, as to denote the *light* of *Faith*, without which it is impossible to please Him.

6. A small BELL is occasionally rung. This is done to give notice of certain more solemn parts of the Sacrifice; to recall the wandering mind from distraction; and to excite all to greater fervor and devotion.

7. INCENSE is used at Solemn Mass. It is symbolical of Prayer, according to the saying of the Psalmist: *Let my prayer, O Lord, be directed as incense in Thy sight* (*Ps. cxl. 2*).

ON THE MANNER OF HEARING MASS.

THERE are various methods of profitably hearing Mass. One method is, to follow the Priest in the Ordinary of the Mass as contained in the Missal; joining with him, as far as the laity may, in the very words of the service, and uniting our intention with him in what he does as Priest for the people. To enable all persons, even those who do not understand Latin, to follow the service, translations of the Ordinary and Canon of the Mass have been made into almost all languages, and circulated by authority. Another method is to accompany the Priest through the different parts of the service with appropriate devotions, similar to those he is using and directed to the same general ends, uniting our intention with his, but not using or not confining ourselves to the words of the Ordinary. A third method is to apply the service to the purpose of meditation on the Life or Passion of our Lord, or on any other appropriate subject. Whatever be the method followed, our first care should be to recollect ourselves, by calling home our wandering thoughts, and taking them off from all other concerns. We should humble ourselves profoundly in the presence of God, in whose Temple we are; and represent to ourselves, by a lively Faith, the dread majesty of God, and humbly beg His mercy and grace, that we may participate in this Holy Sacrifice in a worthy and becoming manner.

PRAYERS BEFORE MASS.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the light of Thy Holy Spirit didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

LOOK down, O Lord, from Thy Sanctuary, and from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and behold this holy Victim which our great High-Priest, Thy holy Child, the Lord Jesus, offers up to Thee for the sins of His brethren; and let not Thy wrath be kindled because of the multitude of our transgressions. Behold, the voice of the Blood of Jesus our Brother calls to Thee from the Cross. Give ear, O Lord; be appeased, O Lord; hearken, and tarry not, for Thine own sake, O my God; because Thy name is called upon in behalf of this city and of Thy people; but deal with us according to Thy great mercy. *Amen.*

That Thou vouchsafe to defend, pacify, keep, preserve, and bless this city: we beseech Thee to hear us.(i)

DEVOTIONS FOR MASS.

PART I.

THE PREPARATION, BY ACTS OF HUMILITY, PRAISE, FAITH, ETC.

Prayer at the beginning of Mass, while the Priest says the Judica me, Deus, etc.

O ALMIGHTY Lord of Heaven and earth, behold I, a wretched sinner, presume to appear before Thee this day, to offer up unto Thee, by the hands of our High-Priest, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, the Sacrifice of His Body and Blood, in union with that Sacrifice which He offered to Thee upon the Cross: first, for Thine own honor, praise, adoration, and glory; secondly, in remembrance of His Passion and Death; thirdly, in thanksgiving for all Thy blessings bestowed upon Thy whole Church, whether triumphant in heaven or militant on earth, and especially for those bestowed upon me, the most unworthy of all; fourthly, for obtaining pardon and remission of all my sins, and of those of all others, whether living or dead, for whom I ought to pray *(here mention their names)*; and, lastly, for obtaining all graces and blessings both for myself and for Thy whole Church *(here mention your particular requests)*. Oh, be Thou pleased to assist me by Thy grace, that I may behave myself this day as I ought to do in Thy divine Presence, and that I may so commemorate the Passion and Death of Thy Son as to partake most plentifully of the fruits thereof. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Confiteor.

O BLESSED Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, prostrate in spirit before Thee, I here confess, in the sight of the whole court of heaven and of all Thy faithful, my innumerable treasons against Thy divine majesty. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; I have grievously offended Thee through the whole course of my life, in thought, word, and deed; and therefore am unworthy to lift mine eyes to heaven, or so much as to utter Thy sacred name. How much more am I unworthy to appear here in Thy Sanctuary, and to mingle among Thine Angels at these heavenly

Mysteries, which require so much purity, because Jesus Christ Himself is here in person, both Priest and Victim! But, O my God, Thy mercies are above all Thy works, and Thou wilt not despise a contrite and humble heart: and therefore I here venture to come into Thy Temple, and with the poor publican, and, as I hope, with the same penitential spirit, I strike my breast and say: *God be merciful to me, a sinner.* And I humbly hope to find this mercy which I crave, through that Passion and Death which are here celebrated. O Fountain of Mercy, grant this mercy to me and to all poor sinners. *Amen.*

When the Priest ascends the steps of the Altar.

TAKE away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord; that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Introit.

GRANT, O Lord, that we may be truly prepared for offering this great Sacrifice unto Thee this day; and because our sins alone can render us displeasing to Thee, therefore we cry aloud to Thee for mercy.

At the Kyrie Eleison.

Either repeat with the Priest, or say

Have mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me all my sins.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy on me.

The Gloria in Excelsis, *or* Greater Doxology.

Repeat this with the Priest, p. 119.

At the Collects.

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, we humbly beseech Thee to mercifully hear the prayers here offered unto Thee by Thy servant in the name of Thy whole Church, and in behalf of us Thy people. Accept them, to the honor of Thy name, and the good of our souls ; and grant to us all mercy, grace, and salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*Or, on a Saint's Day.*)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the examples of Thy Saints may effectually move us to reform our lives ; that while we celebrate their festivals, we may also imitate their actions. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

At the Epistle.

THOU hast vouchsafed, O Lord, to teach us Thy sacred truths by the Prophets and Apostles : oh, grant that we may so improve by their doctrine and examples in the love of Thy holy name, and of Thy holy law, that we may show forth by our lives whose disciples we are ; that we may no longer follow the corrupt inclinations of flesh and blood, but master all our passions ; that we may be ever directed by Thy light, and strengthened by Thy grace, to walk in the way of Thy commandments, and to serve Thee with clean hearts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

At the Gradual.

HOW admirable, O Lord, is Thy name, in the whole earth ! I will bless Thee, O Lord, at all times ; Thy praise shall be always in my mouth. Be Thou my

God and Protector for ever: I will put my whole trust in Thee; oh, let me never be confounded.

At the Gospel.

MAYEST Thou be ever adored and praised, O Lord, who, not content to instruct and inform us by Thy Prophets and Apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us by Thine Only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear Him: grant us, O merciful God, the grace to profit by His divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of Thee, O Jesus, in Thy Gospel, is Truth itself: nothing but wisdom in Thine actions, power and goodness in Thy miracles, light and instruction in Thy words. With Thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall we go but to Thee, eternal Fountain of Truth? Give me, O God, grace to practise what Thou commandest, and command what Thou pleasest.

At the Credo.

Say this with the Priest, p. 126.

PART II.

THE OBLATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE SACRIFICE.

During the Offertory of the Bread and the Wine.

ACCEPT, O Eternal Father, this offering which is here made to Thee by Thy Priest, in the name of us here present, and of Thy whole Church. It is as yet only bread and wine: but, by a miracle of Thy power, will shortly become the Body and Blood of Thy beloved Son. He is our High-Priest and our Victim. With Him and through Him we desire to approach Thee this day, and by His hands to offer Thee this Sacrifice, for Thine own honor, praise, and glory; in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits; in satisfaction for all our sins; and for obtaining conversion for all unbelievers, and mercy, grace, and salvation for all Thy faithful. And with this offering of Thine Only-begotten Son we offer Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, begging that by virtue of this Sacrifice we may be happily united to Thee, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate us from Thee. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

In a humble spirit, and a contrite heart, may we be accepted by Thee, O Lord: and let our Sacrifice be so made in Thy sight this day that it may be pleasing unto Thee, O Lord God. Come, O Sanctifier, Almighty, eternal God, and bless this Sacrifice set forth to Thy holy name.

At the Washing of the Fingers.

OH, what cleanliness and purity of heart ought we to bring with us to this great Sacrifice! But, alas! I am a poor unclean sinner. Oh, wash me, dear Lord, from all the stains of sin in the Blood of the Lamb, that I may be worthy to be present at these heavenly Mysteries.

After the Lavabo, *when the Priest bows down at the middle of the Altar.*

O MOST holy and adorable Trinity, vouchsafe to receive this our Sacrifice in remembrance of our Saviour's Passion, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension: and grant that we may die with Him to our sins, rise with Him to newness of life, and ascend with Him to Thee. Let those Saints whose memory we celebrate on earth remember us before Thy throne in Heaven, and obtain mercy for us. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Orate, fratres.

MAY the Lord receive the Sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our benefit, and to that of all His holy Church.

At the Secreta.

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation which we Thy servants make unto Thee; and as we offer it to the honor of Thy name, so may it be to us a means of obtaining Thy grace here and life everlasting hereafter. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

(Or, on a Saint's Day.)

SANCTIFY, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these gifts which we offer Thee in this solemnity of Thy holy servant N., and so strengthen us by Thy grace that both in prosperity and adversity our ways may be ever directed to Thine honor. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Sursum Corda.

V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up unto the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
R. It is worthy and just.

The Preface.

IT is truly worthy and just, right and profitable unto salvation, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God. Who, with Thine Only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord: not in the singleness of one only Person, but in the Trinity of one Substance. For what we believe of Thy glory, as Thou hast revealed it, that we believe of Thy Son, and that of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. That in the confession of the True and Eternal Godhead, distinction in Persons, unity in Essence, and equality in Majesty may be adored. Whom the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim also and Seraphim, do praise; who cease not daily to cry out, with one voice saying:

(Here the bell is rung.)

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PART III.

THE CANON OF THE MASS, OR MAIN ACTION OF THE SACRIFICE.

At the beginning of the Canon.

O ETERNAL and most merciful Father, behold we come to offer Thee our homage this day. We desire to adore, praise, and glorify Thee, joining our hearts and voices with all Thy Blessed in heaven, and with Thy whole Church upon earth. But acknowledging our great unworthiness and innumerable sins, for which we are heartily sorry and humbly crave Thy pardon, we dare not venture to approach Thee, save through Thy Son, our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast given us to be both our High-Priest and Sacrifice. With Him, therefore, and through Him, we venture to offer Thee this Sacrifice : to His most sacred intentions we desire to unite ours : and with this offering which He makes of Himself we wish to make an offering of our whole being unto Thee. With Him, and through Him, we beseech Thee to exalt Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout the world; to maintain her in peace, unity, holiness, and truth ; to have mercy on Thy servant, N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, N. our Pastor, [our parents, children, friends, benefactors, etc.,] on all whom we have in any way scandalized, injured, or offended, or for whom we ought to pray; on all who are dying ; on all who are under temptation, or in other necessity, of either body or soul ; on all our enemies ; and on us all poor sinners ; that we may all be converted to Thee, and find mercy through Jesus Christ, Thy Son ; through whom we hope one day to be admitted into the company of all Thy Saints and Elect, whose memory we here celebrate, whose prayers we desire, and with whom we communicate in these holy Mysteries.

When the Priest spreads his hands over the Oblation.

(Here the bell is again rung.)

GIVE ear, we beseech Thee, to the prayers of Thy servant, who is here appointed to make this Oblation in our behalf ; and grant it may be effectual for the obtaining of all those blessings which he asks for us.

Behold, O Lord, we all here present unto Thee in this bread and wine the symbols of our perfect union. Grant, O Lord, that they may be made for us the true Body and Blood of Thy dear Son; that, being consecrated to Thee by this holy Victim, we may live in Thy service, and depart this life in Thy grace.

At the Consecration

Bow down in solemn adoration; make an Act of Faith in the Real Presence of your Saviour's Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the sacramental veils. Offer your whole self to Him, and through Him to His Father: beg that your heart and soul may be happily united to Him.

At the Elevation of the Host.

(Here the bell is rung again.)

MOST adorable Body, I adore Thee with all the powers of my soul. Lord, who hast given Thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely Thine. I believe, O Lord; help mine unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be Thou my protector; strengthen and defend me by Thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, good Jesus. *Amen.*

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

(Here also the bell is rung.)

MOST adorable Blood, that washest away all our sins, I adore Thee: happy we, could we return our life and blood for Thine, O blessed Victim.

O Jesus, do Thou cleanse, sanctify, and preserve our souls to eternal life. Live, Jesus, in us, and may we live in Thee. *Amen.*

After the Elevation.

AND now, O Lord, with grateful hearts we call to mind the sacred Mysteries of Thy Passion and Death, of Thy Resurrection and Ascension. Here is Thy Body that was delivered; here is Thy Blood that was shed for us; of which these exterior signs are but the figures and yet in reality contain the Substance. Now we truly offer Thee, O Lord, that pure and holy Victim which Thou hast been pleased to give us; of which all the other sacrifices were but so many types and figures.

At the Memento *for the Dead.*

I OFFER Thee, O Almighty Father, this holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Thine Only Son, in behalf of the Faithful Departed, and in particular for the souls of N.N. [*here name whom you chiefly propose to pray for*]. Likewise of such as I have in any way injured, or of whose sins I have by any means been the cause or occasion; of such as have injured me, and been my enemies; of such as die in war, or have none to pray for them. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Nobis quoque Peccatoribus, *when the Priest strikes his breast.*

VOUCHSAFE to grant the same to us also, poor and miserable sinners; judge us not according to our demerits, but through the infinite multitude of

Thy tender mercies, in which we put all our trust, graciously extend to us Thy grace and pardon.

We ask it of Thee, in the name of Thy dear Son, who liveth and reigneth eternally with Thee; and in that form of prayer which He Himself hath taught us.

PART IV.

THE COMMUNION, OR SACRAMENTAL PART OF THE CANON.

At the Pater Noster.

Our Father, etc.

DELIVER us, O Lord, from those evils which we labor under at present; from past evils, which are our manifold sins; and from all evils to come, which will be the just chastisement of our offences, if our prayers, and those more powerful ones of Thy Saints, who intercede for us, intercept not Thy justice or excite not Thy bounty.

At the Pax Domini.

THY Body was delivered and Thy Blood was shed for us; grant that the commemoration of this Holy Mystery may obtain for us peace, and that those who receive it may find everlasting rest.

At the Agnus Dei, *say with the Priest:*

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

After the Agnus Dei.

IN saying to Thine Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; Thou hast promised, O Lord, to all Thy Church, that peace which the world cannot give,—peace with Thee, and peace with ourselves. Let nothing, O Lord, ever interrupt this holy peace; let nothing separate us from Thee, to whom we heartily desire to be united, through this Blessed Sacrament of peace and reconciliation. Let this Food of Angels strengthen us in every Christian duty, so as never more to yield under temptations or fall into our common weaknesses.

At the Domine, non sum dignus, *say with the Priest three times, striking your breast:*

Here the bell is rung.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Such as do not intend to communicate sacramentally may communicate spiritually, as follows:

MOST loving Jesus, I adore Thee with a lively faith, who art present in this Sacrament by virtue of Thine infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. All my hope is in Thee. I love Thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so loved me; and therefore I desire to receive Thee now spiritually. Come, therefore, O Lord, to me in spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Thy sacred Body and Blood; deliver me from all sin, and make me always obedient to Thy commandments; and let me never be separated from Thee, my Saviour, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A FAVORITE PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA.(i)

Anima Christi.

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me!
Body of Christ, save me!
Blood of Christ, inebriate me!
Water from the side of Christ, wash me!
Passion of Christ, strengthen me!
O Good Jesus, hear me!
Within Thy Wounds hide me!
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee!
From the malicious enemy defend me!
In the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come to Thee;
That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee
For ever and ever. *Amen.*

At the Communion.

LET it be now, O Lord, the effect of Thy mercy, that we who have been present at this holy Mystery may find the benefit of it in our souls.

PART V.

THE PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION.

At the Post-Communion.

WE give Thee thanks, O God, for Thy mercy in admitting us to have a part in offering this Sacrifice to Thy holy name: accept it now to Thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness. Most gracious God, Father of mercy, grant, I beseech Thee, that this adorable Sacrifice of the blessed Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may obtain for us at Thy hands mercy and the remission of all our sins. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

I RETURN Thee now most hearty thanks, O my God, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, that Thou hast been pleased to deliver Him up to death for us, and to give us His Body and Blood, both as a Sacrament and a Sacrifice, in these holy Mysteries, at which Thou hast permitted me, a most unworthy sinner, to be present this day. May all heaven and earth bless and praise Thee ever for all Thy mercies. Pardon me, O Lord, all the distractions and the manifold negligences of which I have been guilty this day in Thy sight; and let me not depart without Thy blessing. Behold, I desire from this moment to give up myself, and all that belongs to me, into Thy hands; and I beg that all my undertakings, all my thoughts, words, and actions, may henceforward tend to Thy glory. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Gospel of St. John, p. 158.**

A PRAYER AFTER MASS.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thee graciously to look down from Thy high and holy place upon this congregation, and mercifully hear and accept the prayers of Thy Church. Of Thine infinite mercy be pleased to grant us pardon of all our sins, soundness of mind, health of body, and all the necessaries of life: grant also peace in our days, freedom from tempests, and fruitful seasons. Grant also to our prayers the unity of the Catholic Faith, the extirpation of heresies, the destruction of wicked counsels, the increase of true religion, fervor of love and piety, sincere devotion, patience and long-suffering in affliction, and joy in hope. Finally, grant us all things needful for the welfare of our souls and bodies, but, above all, whatever may promote the increase of Thy glory. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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* *When a Feast of greater rank falls on a Sunday, the Sunday Gospel is substituted for that of St. John.*

AN ACT OF REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMY.(i)

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

THE MANNER OF SERVING A PRIEST AT MASS.

The Priest begins, and the Server, kneeling at his left hand, answers him as follows:

INTROIBO ad altare Dei.

S. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.

S. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

P. Emitte lucem tuam, et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum et in tabernacula tua.

S. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus. Quare tristis es, anima mea, et quare conturbas me?

S. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi; salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

S. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

S. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

S. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

P. Confiteor Deo, etc.

S. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam.

P. Amen.

S. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi, Pater, quia peccavi nimis, cogitatione, verbo, et opere. [Strike your breast thrice, and say] *Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te, Pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.*

P. Misereatur vestri, etc. *S. Amen.*

P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, etc. *S. Amen.*

[*At a Bishop's Mass, here give him the maniple.*]

P. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

S. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

P. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.
S. Et salutare tuum da nobis.
P. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.
S. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

When the Priest goes from the book to the middle of the Altar:

P. Kyrie eleison. *S. Kyrie eleison.*
P. Kyrie eleison. *S. Christe eleison.*
P. Christe eleison. *S. Christe eleison.*
P. Kyrie eleison. *S. Kyrie eleison.*
P. Kyrie eleison.
P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

[*At a Bishop's Mass:*

B. Pax vobis. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*]

When the Priest says, Flectamus genua, *as is the case a few times in the year, answer,* Levate.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *S. Amen.*

At the end of the Epistle say, Deo gratias; *then remove the book to the other side of the Altar, and always kneel or stand on the side opposite to that on which the book has been placed.*

P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*
P. Sequentia sancti evangelii secundum N.

Making the sign of the Cross on your forehead, mouth, and breast, say:

S. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Stand during the Gospel, and at the end say:

S. Laus tibi, Christe.
P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

Here give the wine and water, and prepare the basin, water, and towel for the Priest. When the Priest has washed his fingers, kneel in your former place, and answer:

P. Orate fratres, etc.
S. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.
P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *S. Amen.*
P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P, Sursum corda. *S. Habemus ad Dominum.*

P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro. *S. Dignum et justum est.*

At Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus *ring the bell.*

When you see the Priest spread his hands over the chalice, give warning, by the bell, of the Consecration which is about to be made. Then holding up the vestment with your left hand, and having the bell in your right, ring during the elevation of the host and of the chalice. As often as you pass by the Blessed Sacrament make a genuflection.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *S. Amen.*

P. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem. *S. Sed libera nos a malo.*

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *S. Amen.*

P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

When the Priest says Domine non sum dignus, *ring the bell, and after his Communion, if there are communicants, prepare the cloth and say the* Confiteor. *After they have received, serve the Priest with wine and water for the ablutions. Then remove the book to the other side of the Altar, take away the cloth from the communicants, and return to your place.*

P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *S. Amen.*

P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. Ite; missa est: *or,* Benedicamus Domino. *S. Deo gratias.*

In Masses for the dead:

P. Requiescant in pace. *S. Amen.*

[*At a Bishop's Mass:*

B. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

S. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

B. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

S. Ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater ✠ et Filius ✠ et Spiritus ✠ Sanctus. *S. Amen.*]

Remove the book to the Gospel side, if it be left open: kneel as you pass, to receive the Priest's blessing, answering Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum. *S. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. Initium (*or,* Sequentia) sancti evangelii, etc.

S. Gloria tibi, Domine.

At the end say, Deo gratias.

THE ORDER OF BLESSING WATER.

On Sundays, and whenever need arises, the salt and clean water being prepared, in the Church or in the Sacristy, the Priest, vested in surplice and violet stole, first says:

OUR help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

THE EXORCISM OF THE SALT.

I EXORCISE thee, O creature of salt, by the living God, ✠ by the true God, ✠ by the holy God, ✠ by the God who commanded thee to be cast into the water by Eliseus the Prophet, that the barrenness of the same might be healed; that thou become salt for the preservation of them that believe, and be to all who take thee salvation of soul and body; and from the place wherein thou shalt be sprinkled let every delusion and wickedness of the devil, and all unclean spirits, fly and depart when adjured by Him who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

WE humbly implore Thy boundless clemency, Almighty and Everlasting God, that of Thy bounty Thou wouldst deign to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this creature of salt, which Thou hast given for the use of mankind; let it be unto all who take it health of mind and body; that whatsoever shall be touched or sprinkled with it be freed from all manner of uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

THE EXORCISM OF THE WATER.

I EXORCISE thee, O creature of water, in the name of God ✠ the Father Almighty; and in the name of Jesus Christ, ✠ His Son, our Lord; and in the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost; that thou mayest become water exorcised for the chasing away of all the power of the enemy; that thou mayest have strength to uproot and cast out the enemy himself and his apostate angels, by the power of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for the salvation of mankind hast founded one of Thy greatest Sacraments in the element of water, graciously give ear when we call upon Thee, and pour upon this element, prepared for divers purifications, the power of Thy ✠ blessing; let Thy creature serving in Thy Mysteries, by Divine grace be effectual for casting out devils and for driving away diseases, that on whatsoever in the houses or places of the faithful this water shall be sprinkled, it may be freed from all uncleanness, and delivered from hurt. Let not the blast of pestilence nor disease remain there; let every enemy that lieth in wait depart; and if there be aught which hath ill-will to the safety and quietness of the inhabitants, let it flee away at the sprinkling of this water, that they, being healed by the invocation of Thy holy name, may be defended from all that rise up against them. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

The Priest thrice mingles salt with water in the form of a Cross, saying once:

LET this become a mixture of salt and water, in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Author of invincible might, King of unconquerable dominion, and ever a Conqueror who doest wonders, who puttest down the strength of all that rise up against Thee; who overcomest the rage of the adversary; who by Thy power dost cast down his wickedness; we, O Lord, with fear and trembling humbly entreat and implore Thee to mercifully look upon this creature of salt and water, to graciously illumine and sanctify it with the dew of Thy favor; that wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, by the invocation of Thy holy name all troubling of unclean spirits may be cast out, and the dread of the poisonous serpent be chased far away; and let the presence of the Holy Ghost vouchsafe to be with us, who ask Thy mercy in every place. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

THE ASPERGES.

The Asperges, *or* sprinkling with Holy Water, *is performed every Sunday, immediately before High Mass, except when the Bishop celebrates pontifically.*

The Priest who is about to celebrate High Mass first blesses the holy water according to the preceding Form, and then enters the Sanctuary vested in his alb and stole (and sometimes in a cope also), accompanied by an Acolyte bearing the vessel of holy water (at Solemn Mass he is accompanied also by the Deacon and Subdeacon). Arriving at the foot of the Altar, the Priest, while intoning the following Anthem, *sprinkles the Altar three times; then himself, and afterwards his assistants. Then going down into the Church, he sprinkles the congregation.*

ASPERGES me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.	THOU shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.
Ps. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.	*Ps.* Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.
V. Gloria Patri, etc.	*V.* Glory be to the Father, etc.
Ant. Asperges me, etc.	*Ant.* Thou shalt sprinkle me, etc.

The Priest, being returned to the foot of the Altar, says:

OSTENDE nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.	SHOW us Thy mercy, O Lord.
R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.	*R.* And grant us Thy salvation.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

EXAUDI nos, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus; et mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de cœlis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet, atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

HEAR us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from Heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all those that are assembled together in this house. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Easter to Whitsunday inclusively, instead of the foregoing Anthem, *the following is sung, and* Alleluia *is added to the* V. (Ostende nobis), *and also to its* R. (Et salutare).

VIDI aquam egredientem de templo a latere dextro, Alleluia; et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista salvi facti sunt, et dicent, Alleluia, alleluia.

I SAW water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia; and all unto whom that water came were saved, and they shall say, Alleluia, alleluia.

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus. Gloria Patri, etc.

O praise the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever. Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Antiphon Vidi aquam *is repeated.*

The Ordinary of the Holy Mass.

[N.B.—At Low Mass the parts within brackets are to be passed over.]

The Priest, standing at the foot of the Altar and making the usual reverence, signs himself with the sign of the Cross from the forehead to the breast and says in an audible voice : *

IN nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. *Amen.*	IN the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then, joining his hands before his breast, he begins the Antiphon :

V. Introibo ad altare Dei.	*V.* I will go in unto the Altar of God.
R. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.	*R.* Unto God, who giveth joy to my youth.

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* At the beginning of High Mass, when the Priest commences at the foot of the Altar, the choir sings the *Kyrie eleison*, etc. (sometimes the *Introit* is sung first), which usually lasts until the *Gloria in excelsis.* Those parts of the service which are sung by the choir are also said in a low voice by the Priest.

[*In Masses for the Dead, and in those of the Season from Passion Sunday till Holy Saturday exclusively, the following Psalm is omitted :*]

Psalm 42.

JUDICA me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta : ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.

M. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti ? et quare tristis incedo dum affligit me inimicus ?

S. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam : ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.

M. Et introibo ad altare Dei : ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

S. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus : quare tristis es, anima mea ? et quare conturbas me ?

M. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi : salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

JUDGE me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy : deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

R. For Thou, O God, art my strength : why hast Thou cast me off ? and why go I sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me ?

P. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth : they have led me and brought me unto Thy holy hill, and into Thy tabernacles.

R. And I will go in unto the Altar of God : unto God, who giveth joy to my youth.

P. I will praise Thee upon the harp, O God, my God : why art thou sad, O my soul ? and why dost thou disquiet me ?

R. Hope thou in God, for I will yet praise Him : who is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

S. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	*P.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
M. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	*R.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
V. Introibo ad altare Dei.	*V.* I will go in unto the Altar of God.
R. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.	*R.* Unto God, who giveth joy to my youth.
V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

Then, joining his hands and humbly bowing down, he says the Confiteor, *as on p. 35*

S. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, etc.	*P.* I confess to Almighty God, etc.
M. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam.	*R.* May Almighty God have mercy upon thee, and forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee unto life everlasting.
S. Amen.	*P.* Amen.

The server then recites the Confiteor.

Then the Priest, with his hands joined, gives the Absolution, saying:

MISEREATUR vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris,	MAY Almighty God have mercy upon you, and forgive you your

perducat vos ad vitam æternam.

M. Amen.

sins, and bring you unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.

Signing himself with the sign of the Cross, he says:

INDULGENTIAM, ✠ absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

M. Amen.

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

Then, bowing down, he proceeds:

V. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

R. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Thou shalt turn again, O God, and quicken us.

R. And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

V. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Priest then, extending and afterwards joining his hands, says:

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Then, going up to the Altar, he says inaudibly

AUFER a nobis, quæsumus, Domine, iniquitates nostras: ut ad Sancta Sanctorum puris mereamur mentibus introire. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

TAKE away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord: that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bowing down over the Altar, he kisses it and says:

ORAMUS te, Domine, per merita Sanctorum tuorum quorum reliquiæ hic sunt, et omnium Sanctorum, ut indulgere digneris omnia peccata mea. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all the Saints, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. *Amen.*

[At Solemn Mass the Altar is here incensed.]

Then the Priest, signing himself with the sign of the Cross, reads

THE INTROIT,

during which one of the following may be read:

BLESSED be the Holy Trinity and Undivided Unity: we will give praise to Him, because He hath shown His mercy unto us.

O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is Thy name in the whole earth!

Glory be to the Father, who hath created us.

Glory be to the Son, who hath redeemed us.

Glory be to the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified us.

Glory be to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or on a Saint's Day:

The Just shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow up like a cedar of Libanus: they that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

It is good to give praise unto the Lord; and to sing unto Thy name, O Thou Most High.

The Kyrie eleison *is then said:*

KYRIE eleison,	LORD, have mercy,
M. Kyrie eleison,	*R.* Lord, have mercy,
S. Kyrie eleison,	*P.* Lord, have mercy,
M. Christe eleison,	*R.* Christ, have mercy,
S. Christe eleison,	*P.* Christ, have mercy,
M. Christe eleison,	*R.* Christ, have mercy,
S. Kyrie eleison,	*P.* Lord, have mercy,
M. Kyrie eleison,	*R.* Lord, have mercy,
S. Kyrie eleison.	*P.* Lord, have mercy.

*Afterwards, standing at the middle of the Altar, extending and then joining his hands, and slightly bowing, he says (when it is to be said *) the* Gloria in excelsis.

[*At High Mass the choir sings the* Gloria, *and the officiating clergy wait until its conclusion.*]

GLORIA in excelsis Deo; et in terra pax hominibus bonæ volunta-

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will.

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* The *Gloria* is omitted in Masses of the Season during Lent and Advent, and in Masses for the Dead.

tis. Laudamus te; benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis, Deus pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis: qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram: qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus: tu solus Dominus: tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we worship Thee; we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord: Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Priest kisses the Altar, and, turning to the people, says:

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Then follow the Collect *and other prayers, if prescribed; at the end of the first and last of which the acolyte answers,* Amen.

The Collects *vary with the season.* They may be found in their proper place (pages 665 to 780). Any of the following may be used instead:*

O GOD, the Protector of all that hope in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through temporal blessings that we finally lose not those which are eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. *Amen.*

DEFEND us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from all dangers both of soul and body; and, by the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of Thy holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed N. [*here insert the name of your Patron Saint*], and of all Thy Saints, grant us, in Thy mercy, health and peace; that all adversities and errors being done away, Thy Church may serve Thee with a pure and undisturbed devotion.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed: receive our humble supplications which we offer before Thee for all degrees and orders of men in Thy holy Church, that, by the assistance of Thy grace, they may faithfully serve Thee.

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* The same remark applies to the *Introit, Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, Offertory, Communion,* and *Post-Communion.*

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in Thy mercy, upon Thy servant N. [*here mention the Pope's name*], whom Thou hast appointed to preside over Thy Church; and grant, we beseech Thee, that both by word and example he may edify all those who are under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. *Amen.*

Then the Epistle for the day is read (which may be found in its proper place (pages 665 to 780); or the following may be used instead:

(*Philip. iv. 4–9.*)

REJOICE in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men: the Lord is nigh. Be anxious about nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. As to the rest, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever modest, whatever just, whatever holy, whatever amiable, whatever of good report, if there be any virtue, if any praise of discipline, think on these things. The things which ye have both learned and received, and heard and seen in me, these do ye; and the God of peace shall be with you.

After the Epistle is said.

R. Deo gratias.	*R.* Thanks be to God.

Then the Gradual, Tract, Alleluia, *or* Sequence, *according to the time.*

FOR THE GRADUAL.*

BE Thou unto me a God, a Protector, and a House of Refuge to save me. In Thee, O God, have I hoped; O Lord, let me never be confounded.

Deal not with us, O Lord, according to our sins which we have committed, nor punish us according to our iniquities.

V. Help us, O God our Saviour; and for the glory of Thy name, O Lord, deliver us, and forgive us our sins for Thy name's sake.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Come ye to Him, and be enlightened; and your faces shall not be confounded. Alleluia, alleluia. O clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Alleluia.

Before the Gospel *the Priest bows down before the middle of the Altar, and says:*

MUNDA cor meum ac labia mea, omnipotens Deus, qui labia Isaiæ prophetæ calculo mundasti ignito: ita me tua grata miseratione dignare mundare, ut sanctum Evangelium tuum digne

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, O Almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaias with a burning coal; and vouchsafe, through Thy gracious mercy, so to purify me

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* The choir sings the *Gradual* while the book is moved to the Gospel side, and the Priest says the prayer *Munda cor meum*, "Cleanse my heart," etc.

valeam nuntiare. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.	*Amen.*
Jube Domine benedicere.	Lord, grant Thy blessing.
DOMINUS sit in corde meo et in labiis meis, ut digne et competenter annuntiem Evangelium suum. *Amen.*	THE Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily and fittingly proclaim His holy Gospel. *Amen.*

Then, going to the Gospel side, he says:

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
V. Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum N.	*V.* The continuation of the holy Gospel according to N.
R. Gloria tibi, Domine.	*R.* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Then is read

THE GOSPEL (*pp. 665 to 780*).

For the Gospel *may be read:*

(*Luke xii. 35–40.*)

LET your loins be girded round, and lamps burning in your hands. And be ye like men waiting for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh, and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Happy are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching. Truly

I say to you, that He will gird Himself, and make them recline at table, and will come and serve them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or shall come in the third watch, and so find, happy are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house did know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Be ye then also ready; for at what hour ye think not, the Son of Man will come.

After the Gospel *is said:*

R. Laus tibi, Christe.	*R.* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Priest says inaudibly:

PER Evangelica dicta deleantur nostra delicta.	BY the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

[*At Solemn Mass, after the* Epistle *is sung, the Deacon places the* Gospel-book *on the table of the Altar, and the Celebrant blesses the incense. The Deacon then, kneeling before the Altar with his hands joined, says the* Munda cor meum, *as above. He then takes the book from the Altar, and, kneeling, asks the Celebrant's blessing, saying:*

Jube Domne benedicere.	Pray, sir, a blessing.

To which the Celebrant replies in the words of the prayer Dominus sit in corde, *etc., above, only using the second person instead of the first, and blessing with the sign of the Cross.*

The Deacon then proceeds, with attendants bearing incense and lights, to the Gospel side of the Sanctuary, and, standing with hands joined, sings

Dominus vobiscum, etc.	The Lord be with you, etc.

When he sings Sequentia, etc., *he makes the sign of the Cross upon the book and upon himself; and thereupon incenses the book thrice.*

After the Gospel the Subdeacon takes the book to the Celebrant, who kisses it, and is then incensed by the Deacon.]

[*Here the Sermon is usually preached.**]

Then, at the middle of the Altar, extending, elevating, and joining his hands, the Priest says the Nicene Creed (when it is to be said), keeping his hands joined. At the words, and was incarnate, *he kneels down, and continues kneeling to the words,* WAS MADE MAN.

CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo; Lumen de Lu-

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; very God of

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* *Prayer before the Sermon.*

I will hear what the Lord will say unto me.

O Jesus, light of the world, enlighten my understanding, that I may understand Thy word; and cleanse my heart, that it may bring forth the fruits of Thy holy teaching.

After the Sermon.

I give Thee thanks, O Lord God, that Thou hast been pleased to refresh my soul by Thy word. Direct my steps according to Thy commandments.

mine; Deum verum de Deo vero; genitum non factum; consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem, descendit de cœlis, et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto, ex Maria Virgine: ET HOMO FACTUS EST. [*Hic genuflectitur.*] Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas; et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris: et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis.	very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, *and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary:* AND WAS MADE MAN. [*Here all kneel down.*] He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. The third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father: and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: of whose kingdom there shall be no end.
Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit: qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam sanctam Catholicam	And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by

et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi.

Amen.

the Prophets. And One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

[*At High Mass the choir sings the* Credo, *and the clergy sit down until its conclusion.*]

Then the Celebrant kisses the Altar, and, turning to the people, says:

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

He then reads

THE OFFERTORY.*

THE Angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them that fear Him, and shall deliver them; O taste and see that the Lord is sweet.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: and thy youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.

I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast lifted me up: and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me: O Lord, my God, I have cried unto Thee: and Thou hast healed me.

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* The choir sings the *Offertory*, or some suitable Anthem or Hymn.

This being finished, the Priest takes the paten with the Host [if it is Solemn Mass, the Deacon hands the Priest the paten with the Host], and, offering it up, says :

SUSCIPE, sancte Pater, omnipotens, æterne Deus, hanc immaculatam Hostiam, quam ego indignus famulus tuus offero tibi Deo meo vivo et vero, pro innumerabilibus peccatis, et offensionibus, et negligentiis meis, et pro omnibus circumstantibus; sed et pro omnibus fidelibus Christianis, vivis atque defunctis; ut mihi et illis proficiat ad salutem in vitam æternam. *Amen.*

ACCEPT, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, this stainless Host, which I, Thine unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my God, living and true, for mine innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present ; as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead, that it may be profitable for my own and for their salvation unto life eternal. *Amen.*

Then, making the sign of the Cross with the paten, he places the Host upon the corporal. The Priest pours wine and water into the chalice, blessing the water before it is mixed, saying :

DEUS, ✠ qui humanæ substantiæ dignitatem mirabiliter condidisti, et mirabilius reformasti : da nobis per hujus aquæ et vini mysterium, ejus divinitatis esse consortes, qui humanitatis nostræ fieri dignatus est particeps, Jesus Christus, Filius tuus, Dominus noster ;

O GOD, ✠ who hast wonderfully framed man's exalted nature, and still more wonderfully restored it : grant us, by the mystic signification of this commingling of water and wine, to become partakers of His Godhead who vouchsafed to become partaker of our manhood, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*

Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of, etc. *Amen.*

If it is a Solemn Mass, the Deacon ministers the wine, the Subdeacon the water.

Offering up the Chalice, he says.

OFFERIMUS tibi, Domine, calicem salutaris, tuam deprecantes clementiam, ut in conspectu divinæ Majestatis tuæ, pro nostra et totius mundi salute cum odore suavitatis ascendat. *Amen.*

WE offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency that, in the sight of Thy divine Majesty, it may ascend with the odor of sweetness, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. *Amen.*

Then making the sign of the Cross with the chalice, and placing it on the corporal, he covers it with the pall.

At Solemn Mass the Subdeacon here receives the paten, and, wrapping it up in the veil with which his shoulders are covered, he goes and stands behind the Celebrant until towards the end of the Pater Noster.

Bowing down, the Priest says:

IN spiritu humilitatis, et in animo contrito, suscipiamur a te, Domine, et sic fiat sacrificium nostrum in conspectu tuo hodie, ut placeat tibi, Domine Deus.

IN a humble spirit and a contrite heart may we be received by Thee, O Lord; and let our Sacrifice be so made in Thy sight this day that it may please Thee, O Lord God.

Raising his eyes and stretching out his hands, he says :

VENI, sanctificator, omnipotens, æterne Deus, et bene✠dic hoc sacrificium, tuo sancto nomini præparatum.

COME, O Sanctifier, Almighty, Eternal God, and bless ✠ this Sacrifice set forth to Thy holy name.

[*At Solemn Mass the Celebrant blesses the incense :*

PER intercessionem beati Michaelis Archangeli, stantis a dextris altaris incensi, et omnium electorum suorum, incensum istud dignetur Dominus benedicere, et in odorem suavitatis accipere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

BY the intercession of blessed Michael the Archangel, standing at the right hand of the Altar of Incense, and of all His elect, may the Lord vouchsafe to bless this incense, and receive it as an odor of sweetness. Through, etc. *Amen.*

He incenses the bread and wine, saying :

INCENSUM istud a te benedictum ascendat ad te, Domine, et descendat super nos misericordia tua.

MAY this incense which Thou hast blessed, O Lord, ascend to Thee, and may Thy mercy descend upon us.

Then he incenses the altar, saying :

DIRIGATUR, Domine, oratio mea sicut incensum in conspectu tuo :

LET my prayer, O Lord, be directed as incense in Thy sight :

elevatio manuum mearum sacrificium vespertinum.

Pone, Domine, custodiam ori meo, et ostium circumstantiæ labiis meis.

Ut non declinet cor meum in verba malitiæ, ad excusandas excusationes in peccatis.

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips.

That my heart may not incline to evil words, to make excuses in sins.

Giving the censer to the Deacon, he says:

ACCENDAT in nobis Dominus ignem sui amoris, et flammam æternæ caritatis. *Amen.*

MAY the Lord enkindle in us the fire of His love, and the flame of everlasting charity. *Amen.*

Here the Celebrant is incensed by the Deacon, who next incenses the clergy present in choir and the other Ministers at the Altar.

The Priest, with his hands joined, goes to the Epistle side of the Altar, where he washes his fingers while he recites the following verses of Ps. 25:

LAVABO inter innocentes manus meas: et circumdabo altare tuum, Domine.

Ut audiam vocem laudis: et enarrem universa mirabilia tua.

Domine, dilexi decorem

I WILL wash my hands among the innocent: and I will compass Thine altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise, and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

O Lord, I have loved the

domus tuæ, et locum habitationis gloriæ tuæ.	beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.
Ne perdas cum impiis, Deus, animam meam; et cum viris sanguinum vitam meam.	Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with men of blood.
In quorum manibus iniquitates sunt: dextera eorum repleta est muneribus.	In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with gifts.
Ego autem in innocentia mea ingressus sum: redime me et miserere mei.	But as for me, I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
Pes meus stetit in directo: in ecclesiis benedicam te, Domine.	My foot hath stood in the right way: in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord.
* Gloria Patri, etc.	* Glory be to the Father, etc.

Returning, and bowing before the middle of the Altar, with joined hands, he says:

SUSCIPE, sancta Trinitas, hanc oblationem quam tibi offerimus ob memoriam Passionis, Resurrectionis, et Ascensionis Jesu Christi Domini nostri: et in honorem beatæ	RECEIVE, O Holy Trinity, this Oblation, which we offer unto Thee, in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor

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* In Masses for the Dead, and in Passion-time, the *Gloria* is omitted.

Mariæ semper Virginis, et beati Joannis Baptistæ, et sanctorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et istorum et omnium Sanctorum : ut illis proficiat ad honorem, nobis autem ad salutem : et illi pro nobis intercedere dignentur in cœlis, quorum memoriam agimus in terris. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

of blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all Thy Saints : that it may be to their honor and to our salvation : and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then he kisses the Altar, and having turned himself towards the people, extending and joining his hands, he raises his voice a little, and says :

ORATE, fratres, ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnipotentem.

PRAY, my brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

The server then answers :

Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis, ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

May the Lord receive the Sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our benefit, and to that of all His holy Church.

The Priest answers in a low voice, Amen.

Then, with outstretched hands, he recites THE SECRET PRAYERS.

AT THE SECRETA.

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation which we Thy servants make unto Thee; and as we offer it to the honor of Thy name, so may it be to us a means of obtaining Thy grace here, and life everlasting hereafter. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. *Amen.*

On a Saint's day.

SANCTIFY, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these gifts which we offer Thee in this solemnity of Thy holy servant N., and so strengthen us by Thy grace that both in prosperity and adversity our ways may be ever directed to Thine honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Which being finished, he says in an audible voice:

PER omnia sæcula sæculorum.	WORLD without end.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

Here he uplifts his hands:

V. Sursum corda.	*V.* Lift up your hearts.
R. Habemus ad Dominum.	*R.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

He joins his hands before his breast and bows his head while he says:

V. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

R. Dignum et justum est.

V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R. It is worthy and just.

He then disjoins his hands, and keeps them in this posture until the end of the Preface, after which he again joins them, and, bowing, says, Sanctus, etc.* *When he says* Benedictus, etc., *he signs himself with the Cross.*

The following Preface is said on every Sunday in the year that has no special preface of its own.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus. Qui cum unigenito Filio tuo et Spiritu Sancto unus es Deus, unus es Dominus: non in unius singularitate Personæ, sed in unius Trinitate substantiæ. Quod enim de tua gloria, revelante te, credimus, hoc de Filio tuo, hoc de Spiritu

IT is truly worthy and just, right and profitable unto salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God. Who, with Thine Only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord: not in the singleness of one only Person, but in the Trinity of one Substance. For what we believe of Thy glory, as

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* At High Mass the choir sings the *Sanctus* (while the Priest is proceeding with the Canon) as far as the first *Hosanna in excelsis* before the elevation; and after the elevation, *Benedictus qui venit*, etc.

Sancto, sine differentia discretionis sentimus. Ut in confessione veræ sempiternæque Deitatis, et in Personis proprietas, et in essentia unitas, et in Majestate adoretur æqualitas. Quem laudant angeli atque archangeli, cherubim quoque ac seraphim, qui non cessant clamare quotidie, una voce dicentes :

Thou hast revealed it, that we believe of Thy Son, and that of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. That in the confession of the True and Eternal Godhead, distinction in Persons, unity in Essence, and equality in Majesty may be adored. Whom the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim also and Seraphim, do praise; who cease not daily to cry out, with one voice saying :

(*Here the bell is rung thrice.*)

SANCTUS, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON OF THE MASS.

The Priest, first extending, then elevating and joining his hands, raising his eyes towards heaven, says in a low voice:

TE igitur, clementissime Pater, per Jesum Christum Filium tuum Dominum nostrum, supplices rogamus ac petimus,

WE, therefore, humbly pray and beseech Thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord,

He kisses the Altar.

Uti accepta habeas et benedicas hæc ✠ dona, hæc ✠ munera, hæc ✠ sancta sacrificia illibata, in primis, quæ tibi offerimus pro Ecclesia tua sancta Catholica: quam pacificare, custodire, adunare, et regere digneris toto orbe terrarum, una cum famulo tuo Papa nostra N., et Antistite nostro N., et omnibus orthodoxis, atque Catholicæ et Apostolicæ Fidei cultoribus.

That Thou wouldst accept and bless these ✠ gifts, these ✠ presents, these ✠ holy unspotted sacrifices, which, in the first place, we offer Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church: which vouchsafe to pacify, guard, unite, and govern throughout the whole world, together with Thy servant N. our Pope; N. our Bishop; as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING.

MEMENTO, Domine, famulorum famularumque tuarum, N. et N.,

REMEMBER, O Lord, Thy servants and handmaids, N. and N., *He pauses, and, joining his hands, prays silently for those he wishes to pray for in particular; and proceeds:*

Et omnium circumstantium, quorum tibi fides cognita est, et nota devotio: pro quibus tibi offerimus, vel qui tibi offerunt hoc sacrificium laudis, pro se, suisque omnibus, pro redemptione animarum suarum, pro spe salutis et incolumitatis suæ: tibique reddunt vota sua, æterno Deo, vivi et vero.

And all here present, whose faith and devotion are known to Thee; for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee this Sacrifice of praise for themselves and all pertaining to them, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and well-being, and who pay their vows unto Thee, the eternal God, living and true.

COMMUNICANTES, et memoriam venerantes, in primis gloriosæ semper Virginis Mariæ, Genitricis Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et beatorum Apostolorum ac Martyrum tuorum, Petri et Pauli, Andreæ, Jacobi, Joannis, Thomæ, Jacobi, Philippi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simonis et Thaddæi, Lini, Cleti, Clementis, Xysti, Cornelii, Cypriani, Laurentii, Chrysogoni, Joannis et Pauli,

IN communion with, and honoring the memory, especially of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; as also of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas

Cosmæ et Damiani, et omnium Sanctorum tuorum; quorum meritis precibusque concedas, ut in omnibus protectionis tuæ muniamur auxilio. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

and Damian, and all Thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that we may in all things be defended by the aid of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Spreading his hands over the oblation, he says:

(Here the bell is rung once.)

HANC igitur oblationem servitutis nostræ, sed et cunctæ familiæ tuæ, quæsumus, Domine, ut placatus accipias; diesque nostros in tua pace disponas, atque ab æterna damnatione nos eripi, et in electorum tuorum jubeas grege numerari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

THIS oblation, therefore, of our service, and that of Thy whole family, we beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept; and to dispose our days in Thy peace, and to command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

QUAM oblationem, tu Deus, in omnibus, quæsumus, benedic✠tam, adscrip✠tam, ra✠tam, rationabilem, acceptabilemque facere digneris: ut nobis cor✠pus et san✠guis

WHICH oblation do Thou, O God, we beseech Thee, vouchsafe to make in all things blessed, ✠ approved, ✠ ratified, ✠ reasonable, and acceptable: that it may become for us fiat dilectissimi Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi.

the Body ✠ and Blood ✠ of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

QUI pridie quam pateretur, accepit panem in sanctas ac venerabiles manus suas, et elevatis oculis in cœlum, ad te Deum Patrem suum omnipotentem: tibi gratias agens, bene✠dixit, fregit, deditque discipulis suis, dicens: Accipite, et manducate ex hoc omnes.

WHO, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up towards heaven, unto Thee, O God, His Almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, did bless, ✠ break, and give unto His disciples, saying: Take, and eat ye all of this.

Holding the Host with both hands, the Priest pronounces the words of Consecration secretly, distinctly, and attentively:

HOC EST ENIM CORPUS MEUM.

FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

After pronouncing the words of Consecration, the Priest, kneeling upon one knee, adores the sacred Host; then, rising, he elevates It, and replaces It upon the corporal, kneeling once again.

(At the elevation of the Host the bell is rung thrice.)

SIMILI modo postquam cœnatum est, accipiens et hunc præclarum calicem in sanctas ac venerabiles manus suas: item tibi gratias agens,

IN like manner, after supper, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands: and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed, ✠ and bene✠dixit, deditque discipulis suis, dicens: Accipite, et bibite ex eo omnes.

gave to His disciples, saying: Take, and drink ye all of it.

The Priest then pronounces the words of Consecration over the chalice, holding it slightly elevated, saying:

HIC EST ENIM CALIX SANGUINIS MEI NOVI ET ÆTERNI TESTAMENTI: MYSTERIUM FIDEI; QUI PRO VOBIS ET PRO MULTIS EFFUNDETUR IN REMISSIONEM PECCATORUM.

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH; WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

He then replaces the chalice on the corporal, and says.

Hæc quotiescumque feceritis, in mei memoriam facietis.

As often as ye do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of Me.

Making a genuflection, he adores; then, rising, he elevates the chalice, and replacing it upon the corporal, makes another genuflection.

(*At the elevation of the Chalice the bell is rung thrice.*)

He then proceeds:

UNDE et memores, Domine, nos servi tui, sed et plebs tua sancta, ejusdem Christi Filii tui Domini nostri tam beatæ passionis, necnon et ab inferis resurrectionis, sed et

WHEREFORE, O Lord, we Thy servants, and likewise Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same Christ Thy Son, our Lord, together with

in cœlo gloriosæ ascensionis: offerimus præclaræ Majestati tuæ, de tuis donis ac datis, Hostiam ✠ puram, Hostiam ✠ sanctam, Hostiam ✠ immaculatam, panem ✠ sanctum vitæ æternæ, et calicem ✠ salutis perpetuæ.

His Resurrection from the grave, and also His glorious Ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy excellent Majesty, of Thy gifts and presents, a pure ✠ Victim, a holy ✠ Victim, an immaculate ✠ Victim, the holy ✠ bread of eternal life, and the chalice ✠ of everlasting salvation.

Extending his hands, he proceeds:

SUPRA quæ propitio ac sereno vultu respicere digneris, et accepta habere, sicuti accepta habere dignatus es munera pueri tui justi Abel, et sacrificium Patriarchæ nostri Abrahæ; et quod tibi obtulit summus sacerdos tuus Melchisedech, sanctum sacrificium, immaculatam hostiam.

UPON which do Thou vouchsafe to look with favorable and gracious countenance, and accept them, as Thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy High-priest Melchisedech offered unto Thee, a holy Sacrifice, an unspotted Victim.

Bowing down profoundly, with his hands joined and placed upon the Altar, he says:

SUPPLICES te rogamus, omnipotens Deus, jube hæc perferri

WE humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, command these to be

per manus sancti angeli tui in sublime altare tuum, in conspectu divinæ Majestatis tuæ, ut quotquot ex hac altaris participatione, sacrosanctum Filii tui corpus ✠ et ✠ sanguinem sumpserimus, omni benedictione cœlesti et gratia repleamur. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.
Amen.

carried by the hands of Thy holy Angel to Thine Altar on high, in the presence of Thy divine Majesty, that as many of us as shall, by partaking at this Altar, receive the most sacred Body ✠ and Blood ✠ of Thy Son, may be filled with all heavenly blessing and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

MEMENTO etiam, Domine, famulorum famularumque tuarum N. et N., qui nos præcesserunt cum signo fidei, et dormiunt in somno pacis.

REMEMBER, O Lord, Thy servants and handmaids, N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace.

Here the Priest, with hands joined, prays for such of the Dead as he wishes to pray for in particular. Then, extending his hands, he continues:

IPSIS, Domine, et omnibus in Christo quiescentibus, locum refrigerii, lucis et pacis, ut indul-

TO these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we pray Thee, a place of refreshgeas, deprecamur. Per eumdem Christum, etc. *Amen.*

ment, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here, striking his breast and slightly raising his voice, he says:

NOBIS quoque peccatoribus famulis tuis, de multitudine miserationum tuarum sperantibus partem aliquam et societatem donare digneris, cum tuis sanctis Apostolis et Martyribus; cum Joanne, Stephano, Matthia, Barnaba, Ignatio, Alexandro, Marcellino, Petro, Felicitate, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia, Agnete, Cæcilia, Anastasia, et omnibus Sanctis tuis: intra quorum nos consortium, non æstimator meriti, sed veniæ, quæsumus, largitor admitte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

TO us also, Thy sinful servants, who hope in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all Thy Saints: into whose company, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, we beseech Thee to admit us. Through Christ our Lord.

PER quem hæc omnia, Domine, semper bona creas, sancti✠ficas, vivi✠ficas, bene✠dicis, et præstas nobis.

BY whom, O Lord, Thou dost always create, sanctify, ✠ quicken, ✠ bless, ✠ and bestow upon us all these good things.

He uncovers the chalice, and makes a genuflection; then taking the Host in his right hand, and holding the chalice in his left, he makes thrice the sign of the Cross over the chalice saying

PER ip✠sum, et cum ip✠so, et in ip✠so, est tibi Deo Patri ✠ omnipotenti, in unitate Spiritus ✠ Sancti, omnis honor et gloria.

THROUGH Him, ✠ and with Him, ✠ and in Him, ✠ is unto Thee, God the Father ✠ Almighty, in the unity of the Holy ✠ Ghost, all honor and glory.

He here replaces the sacred Host upon the corporal, covers the chalice, and makes a genuflection; and rising again, he says aloud.

V. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

PRÆCEPTIS salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:

Let us pray.

ADMONISHED by Thy saving precepts, and following Thy divine institution, we make bold to say:

PATER NOSTER, qui es in cœlis, sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum: fiat voluntas tua sicut in cœlo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: et dimitte no-

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, bis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

M. Sed libera nos a malo.

S. Amen.

as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

P. Amen.

[*At Solemn Mass, the Deacon, towards the conclusion of the* Pater Noster, *goes to the right hand of the Priest, where he awaits the approach of the Subdeacon, from whom he receives the paten, which he puts into the hands of the Priest.*]

He takes the paten between his first and second finger, and says :

LIBERA nos, quæsumus, Domine, ab omnibus malis, præteritis, præsentibus, et futuris : et intercedente beata et gloriosa semper Virgine Dei Genitrice Maria, cum beatis Apostolis tuis Petro et Paulo, atque Andrea, et omnibus Sanctis,

DELIVER us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come : and by the intercession of blessed and glorious Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and all the Saints,

Making the sign of the Cross on himself with the paten, he kisses it, and says :

Da propitius pacem in diebus nostris : ut ope misericordiæ tuæ adjuti, et a peccato simus semper liberi, et ab omni perturbatione securi.

Graciously give peace in our days : that, aided by the help of Thy mercy, we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance.

He then uncovers the chalice, makes a genuflection, and, rising again, takes the sacred Host and breaks It in the middle, over the chalice, saying:

Per eumdem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum,	Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,

He then places the part of the Host which he has in his right hand on the paten. Then, breaking off a particle of that which remains in his left hand, he says:

Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus,	Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God,

Then placing on the paten what remains in his left hand of the sacred Host, and holding in his right hand, over the chalice, the particle which he had broken off, he says aloud

V. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.	*V.* World without end.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

He then with the same particle of the sacred Host makes the sign of the Cross over the chalice, saying:

V. Pax ✠ Domini sit ✠ semper vobis✠cum.	*V.* May the peace ✠ of the Lord be ✠ always with ✠ you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

He then puts the particle in the chalice, saying in a low voice:

Hæc commixtio et consecratio corporis et sanguinis Domini nostri Jesu	May this mingling and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord

Christi fiat accipientibus nobis in vitam æternam. *Amen.*

Jesus Christ be unto us that receive it effectual unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

He covers the chalice, makes a genuflection, and then, bowing down and striking his breast three times, he says : *

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

[*In Masses for the Dead he says twice,* Grant them rest ; *and lastly,* Grant them eternal rest.]

Then inclining towards the Altar, with hands joined upon it, the Priest says the following prayers :

DOMINE Jesu Christe, qui dixisti Apostolis tuis, Pacem relinquo vobis, pacem meam do vobis : ne respicias peccata mea, sed fidem Ecclesiæ tuæ ; eamque secun-

O LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst to Thine Apostles, Peace I leave you, My peace I give you : look not upon my sins, but upon the faith of Thy Church ; and vouchsafe to dum voluntatem tuam pacificare et coadunare digneris: qui vivis et regnas Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*

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* The choir sings the *Agnus Dei*, which generally continues during the Priest's communion and the ablutions.

it that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will: who livest and reignest God world without end. *Amen.*

(*The preceding prayer is omitted in Masses for the Dead.*)

[*At Solemn Mass the Deacon kisses the Altar at the same time with the celebrating Priest, by whom he is saluted with the* kiss of peace *with these words:*

V. Pax tecum.

V. Peace be with thee.

To which the Deacon answers:

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

And then salutes in like manner the Subdeacon, who in turn salutes the clergy who may be present.]

DOMINE Jesu Christe, Fili Dei vivi, qui ex voluntate Patris, cooperante Spiritu Sancto, per mortem tuam mundum vivificasti: libera me per hoc sacrosanctum corpus et sanguinem tuum ab omnibus iniquitatibus meis, et universis malis: et fac me tuis semper inhærere mandatis, et a te nunquam separari permittas. Qui cum eodem Deo Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee. Who with the regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

Amen.

same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God world without end. *Amen.*

PERCEPTIO corporis tui, Domine Jesu Christe, quod ego indignus sumere præsumo, non mihi proveniat in judicium et condemnationem ; sed pro tua pietate prosit mihi ad tutamentum mentis et corporis, et ad medelam percipiendam. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*

LET not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation ; but by Thy mercy be it profitable to the safety and health both of soul and body. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God world without end. *Amen.*

Making a genuflection, and taking the Host in his hands, the Priest says :

PANEM cœlestem accipiam, et nomen Domini invocabo.

I WILL take the Bread of heaven, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

The Priest then, slightly inclining, takes both parts of the sacred Host, and, striking his breast and raising his voice a little, he says three times, humbly and with devotion :

(Here the bell is rung thrice.)

DOMINE, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum ; sed tan-

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my

tum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

He then makes the sign of the Cross on himself with the sacred Host, holding It in his right hand over the paten, saying :

CORPUS Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam meam in vitam æternam. *Amen.*

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

He then reverently takes both parts of the Host, joins his hands, and remains a short time in meditation on the most holy Sacrament. Then he uncovers the chalice, makes a genuflection, collects whatever fragments may remain, and wipes the paten over the chalice, saying meanwhile :

QUID retribuam Domino pro omnibus quæ retribuit mihi? Calicem salutaris accipiam, et nomen Domini invocabo. Laudans invocabo Dominum, et ab inimicis meis salvus ero.

WHAT shall I render unto the Lord for all the things that He hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord and give praise : and I shall be saved from mine enemies.

He takes the chalice in his right hand, and, making the sign of the Cross with it on himself, he says :

SANGUIS Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam meam in vitam æternam. *Amen.*

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

He then reverently takes the Precious Blood. After which he gives Communion to all who are to communicate.

Those who are to communicate go up to the Sanctuary at the Domine, non sum dignus, *when the bell rings. The acolyte spreads a cloth before them, and says the* Confiteor.

During the Confiteor *the Priest removes from the Tabernacle of the Altar the* ciborium, *or vessel containing the Blessed Sacrament; and placing it upon the corporal, he makes a genuflection, and, turning to the communicants, pronounces the Absolution:*

MISEREATUR vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducat vos ad vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

MAY Almighty God have mercy upon you, and forgive you your sins, and bring you unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.

Signing them with the sign of the Cross, he continues:

INDULGENTIAM, ✠ absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum vestrorum tribuat vobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of your sins.

R. Amen.

Elevating a particle of the Blessed Sacrament, and turning towards the people, he says:

ECCE Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

And then says three times:

DOMINE, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum; sed

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Descending the steps of the Altar to the communicants, he administers the Holy Communion, saying to each:

CORPUS Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam æternam. *Amen.*

THE body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Priest then, returning to the Altar, replaces the ciborium in the Tabernacle, makes a genuflection, and closes the door. Then the acolyte pours a little wine into the chalice and the Priest takes the first ablution, saying:

QUOD ore sumpsimus, Domine, pura mente capiamus; et de munere temporali fiat nobis remedium sempiternum.

WHAT we have taken with our mouth, O Lord, may we receive with a pure heart; and of a temporal gift may it become to us an everlasting healing.

Here the acolyte, at the Epistle corner, pours wine and water over the Priest's fingers, and the Priest, returning to the middle of the Altar, wipes his fingers and takes the second ablution, saying:

CORPUS tuum, Domine, quod sumpsi, et sanguis quem potavi, adhæreat visceribus meis: et præsta, ut in me non remaneat scelerum macula, quem pura et sancta refe-

MAY Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my inmost parts; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who

cerunt sacramenta. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*	have been refreshed with pure and holy mysteries. Who livest, etc. *Amen.*

Then he wipes his lips and the chalice, which he covers, and, having folded the corporal, places it on the Altar, as at first; he then goes to the book, and reads THE COMMUNION.

[*At Solemn Mass the choir sings the* Communion. *The Subdeacon removes the chalice to the Credence table.*]

FOR THE COMMUNION.

ONE thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

O taste and see that the Lord is sweet: blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.

(*On a Saint's Day.*) Happy are those servants whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching.

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Then, going to the middle of the Altar, he turns to the people, and says:

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

Then, returning to the missal, he reads the POST-COMMUNIONS; *at the end of the first and last of which the acolyte answers,* Amen.

FOR THE POST-COMMUNIONS.

POUR forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love, that, by Thy mercy, Thou mayst make those of one mind whom Thou hast fed with one celestial Food. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. *Amen.*

Graciously hear the prayers of Thy family, O Almighty God; and grant that these Sacred Mysteries which we have received from Thee may by Thy grace be preserved incorrupt within us.

(*On a Saint's Day.*) We have received the heavenly Mysteries, O Lord, in the commemoration of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed Joseph, of blessed N. [*here insert the name of your Patron Saint*], and of all Thy Saints; grant, we beseech Thee, that what we celebrate in time we may obtain in the joys of eternity. Through our Lord, etc. *Amen.*

Afterwards he turns again towards the people, and says

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
V. Ite, missa est;	*V.* Go, the Mass is ended;

Or, when the Gloria in Excelsis *has been omitted, he turns to the Altar and says:*

V. Benedicamus Domino.	*V.* Let us bless the Lord.
R. Deo gratias.	*R.* Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead:

V. Requiescant in pace.	*V.* May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

[*At Solemn Mass,* Ite missa est, *or* Benedicamus Domino *is chanted by the Deacon.*]

Bowing before the Altar, the Priest says:

PLACEAT tibi, sancta Trinitas, obsequium servitutis meæ; et præsta,	MAY the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee, O Holy

ut sacrificium quod oculis tuæ Majestatis indignus obtuli, tibi sit acceptabile, mihique, et omnibus pro quibus illud obtuli, sit, te miserante, propitiabile. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

Trinity; and grant that the Sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and may, through Thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself, and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then he kisses the Altar, and raising his eyes, and extending, raising, and joining his hands, he bows his head, and says.

BENEDICAT vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, et Filius, ✠ et Spiritus Sanctus.

R. Amen.

MAY Almighty God bless you; the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

At the word Deus *he turns towards the people, and makes the sign of the Cross over them.* [*The* Benediction *is omitted in Masses for the Dead.*] *Then, turning to the Gospel side of the Altar, he says:*

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

He then makes the sign of the Cross, first upon the Altar, and then upon his forehead, lips, and breast, and begins the Gospel according to St. John, saying:

INITIUM sancti Evangelii secundum Joannem.

M. Gloria tibi, Domine.

THE beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

IN principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum; et Deus erat Verbum: hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt, et sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hominum; et lux in tenebris lucet, et tenebræ eam non comprehenderunt.

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes. Hic venit in testimonium, ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, ut omnes crederent per illum. Non erat ille lux: sed ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine. Erat lux vera quæ illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum.

In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria venit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum, dedit eis potes-

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made: in Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This one came for a witness, to testify concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he was to testify concerning the light. The true Light, which enlighteneth every man, cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world knew Him not. He came to His own possessions, and His own people received Him not. But to

tatem filios Dei fieri: his qui credunt in nomine ejus, qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt. ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST [*Hic genuflectitur*], et habitavit in nobis; et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi Unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiæ et veritatis.

M. Deo gratias.

as many as received Him He gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH [*Here all kneel*], and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

When a feast falls on a Sunday, or other day which has a proper Gospel of its own, the Gospel of the day is read instead of the Gospel of St. John.

SPECIAL PRAYERS.

The Te Deum laudamus.

TE Deum laudamus: * te Dominum confitemur.

Te æternum Patrem * omnis terra veneratur.

Tibi omnes angeli, * tibi cœli, et universæ potestates:

Tibi cherubim et seraphim, * incessabili voce proclamant:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, * Dominus Deus Sabaoth:

Pleni sunt cœli et terra * majestatis gloriæ tuæ.

Te gloriosus * Apostolorum chorus.

Te Prophetarum * laudabilis numerus.

Te Martyrum candidatus * laudat exercitus.

Te per orbem terrarum * sancta confitetur Ecclesia.

Patrem * immensæ majestatis.

WE praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels: to Thee the Heavens and all the Powers therein:

To Thee the Cherubim and Seraphim: cry with unceasing voice:

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Hosts.

The heavens and the earth are full: of the majesty of Thy glory.

Thee the glorious choir: of the Apostles,

Thee the admirable company: of the Prophets,

Thee the white-robed army of Martyrs: praise.

Thee the Holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge.

The Father: of infinite Majesty.

Venerandum tuum verum * et unicum Filium.	Thine adorable, true; and only Son.
Sanctum quoque * Paraclitum Spiritum.	Also the Holy Ghost: the Paraclete.
Tu Rex gloriæ, * Christe.	Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Tu Patris * sempiternus es Filius.	Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hominem, * non horruisti Virginis uterum.	Thou having taken upon Thee to deliver man; didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
Tu devicto mortis aculeo, * aperuisti credentibus regna cœlorum.	Thou having overcome the sting of death: didst open to believers the kingdom of heaven.
Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, * in gloria Patris.	Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
Judex crederis * esse venturus.	We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
† Te ergo quæsumus, tuis famulis subveni, * quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.	We beseech Thee, therefore, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood.
Æterna fac cum Sanctis tuis, * in gloria numerari.	Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints: in glory everlasting.
Salvum fac populum tu-	O Lord, save Thy peo-

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† During this petition it is usual to kneel.

um, Domine, * et benedic hæreditati tuæ.	ple: and bless Thine inheritance.
Et rege eos, et extolle illos, * usque in æternum.	Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Per singulos dies * benedicimus te.	Day by day: we bless Thee.
Et laudamus nomen tuum in sæculum, * et in sæculum sæculi.	And we praise Thy name for ever: and world without end.
Dignare, Domine, die isto, * sine peccato nos custodire.	Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day: to keep us without sin.
Miserere nostri, Domine, * miserere nostri.	Have mercy on us, O Lord; have mercy on us.
Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos: * quemadmodum speravimus in te.	Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us: as we have hoped in Thee.
In te, Domine, speravi: * non confundar in æternum.	O Lord, in Thee have I hoped: let me never be confounded.

On occasions of solemn public Thanksgiving the following prayers are added

BENEDICTUS es, Domine, Deus Patrum nostrorum.	BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus in sæcula.	*R*. And worthy to be praised, and glorified for ever.
V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium, cum Sancto Spiritu.	*V*. Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

R. Laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.	*R.* Let us praise and exalt Him above all for ever.
V. Benedictus es, Domine Deus, in firmamento cœli.	*V.* Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus, et superexaltatus in sæcula.	*R.* And worthy to be praised, and glorified, and exalted above all for ever.
V. Benedic, anima mea, Domino.	*V.* Bless the Lord, O my soul.
R. Et noli oblivisci omnes retributiones ejus.	*R.* And forget not all His benefits.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
DEUS, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus : piissimæ majestati tuæ pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes, ut qui petentibus postulata	O GOD, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite : we render thanks to Thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy clemency

concedis, eosdem non deserens, ad præmia futura disponas.

that as Thou dost grant the petitions of them that ask Thee, so, never forsaking them, Thou wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.

DEUS, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti : da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of Thy Holy Spirit : grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort.

DEUS, qui neminem in te sperantem nimium affligi permittis, sed pium precibus præstas auditum : pro postulationibus nostris, votisque susceptis gratias agimus, te piissime deprecantes, ut a cunctis semper muniamur adversis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat, in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

O GOD, who sufferest none that hope in Thee to be afflicted overmuch, but dost turn a gracious ear unto their prayers : we render Thee thanks for having heard our supplications and vows; most humbly beseeching Thee that we may evermore be protected from all adversities. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

For the Whole Church.

Defend us, O Lord (p. 121).

For all Orders of Ecclesiastics.

Almighty and Everlasting God (p. 121).

For the Pope.

O God, the Pastor (p. 122).

For Bishops, and the People committed to them.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who alone doest great wonders, send down upon Thy servants, and the congregations committed unto them, the spirit of Thy saving grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour forth upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

For the Bishop of the Diocese.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to Thy servant our Bishop, that, by preaching and doing such things as are right, he may by the example of good works edify the minds of those under his authority, and receive of Thee, most tender Shepherd, an everlasting recompense and reward.

For a Congregation or Family.

Defend, we beseech Thee (p. 243).

For the Preservation of Concord in a Congregation.

O GOD, the Giver of peace and Lover of charity, grant to Thy servants true concord and union with Thy holy will, that we may be delivered from all temptations which assault us.

Against the Persecutors of the Church.

MERCIFULLY hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the prayers of Thy Church: that all adversities and errors being done away, we may serve Thee with a pure and undisturbed devotion.

In any Necessity.

O God, our refuge and strength (p. 752).

In any Tribulation.

O ALMIGHTY God, despise not Thy people who cry unto Thee in their affliction; but, for the glory of Thy name, turn away Thine anger, and help us in our tribulations.

In Time of Famine or Pestilence.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, an answer to our hearty supplications; and, Thy wrath being appeased, turn away from us this famine (or pestilence), that the hearts of men may know that these scourges proceed from Thine anger, and cease by Thy mercy.

For Rain.

O GOD, in whom we live, and move, and are, grant us seasonable rain; that we, enjoying a sufficiency of support in this life, may with more confidence strive after the things which are eternal.

For Fair Weather.

HEAR us, O Lord, who cry unto Thee, and grant fair weather to us, Thy suppliant servants; that we, who are justly afflicted for our sins, may by Thy preventing pity find mercy.

For the gift of Tears.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, who didst cause a fount of living water to spring out of a rock, for Thy people in their thirst: draw forth tears of compunction from our stony hearts; that we may weep over our sins, and by Thy mercy deserve to obtain pardon for the same.

For Forgiveness of Sins.

O GOD, who rejectest none that come unto Thee, but in loving-kindness art appeased even with the greatest sinners who repent: mercifully regard our prayers in our humiliation, and enlighten our hearts, that we may be able to fulfil Thy commandments.

For the Tempted and Afflicted.

O GOD, who justifiest the ungodly, and willest not the death of a sinner: we humbly entreat Thy Majesty to protect Thy servants, who trust in Thy mercy, with Thy heavenly assistance, and preserve them by Thy continual protection; that they may constantly serve Thee, and by no temptation be separated from Thee.

Against Evil Thoughts.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, graciously hearken unto our prayers: and free our hearts from the temptations of evil thoughts; that we may worthily become a fit habitation for Thy Holy Spirit.

For the gift of Continence.

Inflame, O Lord (p. 311).

For the gift of Humility.

O GOD, who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble: grant us the virtue of true humility, whereof Thine Only-begotten showed in Himself a pattern for Thy faithful; that we may never by our pride provoke Thine anger, but rather by our meekness receive the riches of Thy grace.

For the gift of Patience.

O GOD, who didst crush the pride of the enemy by the long-suffering of Thine Only-begotten Son: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may worthily recall those things which in His tender love He bore for us; and thus following His example may patiently endure all our adversities.

For the gift of Charity.

O GOD, who makest all things to work together for good unto those who love Thee: give to our hearts the lasting affection of Thy love; that such desires as are inspired by Thee may never be changed by any temptation.

For those at Sea.

O GOD, who didst bring our fathers through the Red Sea, and bear them through the great waters singing praises unto Thy name: we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe to turn away all adversities from Thy servants at sea, and to bring them with a calm voyage unto the haven where they would be.

For Heretics and Schismatics.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast compassion on all, and wouldst not that any should perish: favorably look down upon all those who are seduced by the deceit of Satan; that, all heretical impiety being removed, the hearts of such as err may repent and return to the unity of Thy truth.

For Jews.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who repellest not from Thy mercy even the perfidious Jews: hear the prayer which we offer for the blindness of that people; that the light of Thy truth, Christ our Lord, being known to them, they may be delivered from their darkness.

For Pagans.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who desirest not the death but the life of sinners: mercifully accept our prayers, and, delivering pagans from the worship of idols, unite them to Thy Church, to the praise and honor of Thy glorious name.

For our Friends.

O GOD, who, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, hast poured into the hearts of Thy faithful the gifts of charity: grant to Thy servants and handmaids, for whom we implore Thy mercy, health both of body and soul; that they may love Thee with all their strength, and cheerfully perform those things which are pleasing unto Thee.

For Enemies.

O GOD, the lover and preserver of peace and charity: grant unto all our enemies peace and true charity; give them remission of all their sins, and by Thy power deliver us from their snares.

A Short Recommendation to God.

INTO the hands of Thy unspeakable mercy, O Lord, I commend my soul and body; my senses, my words, my thoughts, and all my actions, with all the necessities of my body and soul; my going forth and my coming in; my faith and conversation; the course and end of my life; the day and hour of my death; my rest and resurrection with the Saints and Elect.

For the Sick.

Almighty and Eternal God (p. 496).

For a Sick Person near Death.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, preserver of souls, who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and for their amendment dost tenderly chastise those whom Thou dost receive, we call upon Thee, O Lord, to bestow Thy healing, that the soul of Thy servant, at the hour of its departure from the body, may by the hands of Thy holy Angels be presented without spot unto Thee.

For the Dead.

Almighty, Everlasting God (p. 269).

A Prayer before Study or Instructions.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE Creator, the true Fountain of light and only Author of all knowledge: vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to enlighten our understandings, and to remove from us all darkness of sin and ignorance. [Thou, who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, direct our tongues, and pour on our lips the grace of Thy blessing.] Give us a diligent and obedient spirit, quickness of apprehension, capacity of retaining, and the powerful assistance of Thy holy grace; that what we hear or learn we may apply to Thy honor and the eternal salvation of our own souls.

For a Husband or Wife.

O gracious Father (p. 435).
O merciful Lord (p. 451).
O merciful God (p. 452).

Prayers of Parents, for themselves and for their Children.

Almighty God, the Father (p. 453).

O FATHER of mankind, who hast given unto me these my children, and committed them to my charge to bring them up for Thee, and to prepare them for everlasting life: assist me with Thy heavenly grace, that I may be able to fulfil this most sacred duty and stewardship. Teach me both what to give and what to withhold; when to reprove and when to forbear; make me to be gentle, yet firm; considerate and watchful; and deliver me equally from the weakness of indulgence, and the excess of severity; and grant that, both by word and example, I may be careful to lead them in the ways of wisdom and true piety, so that at last I may, with them, be admitted to the unspeakable joys of our true home in heaven, in the company of the blessed Angels and Saints.

O HEAVENLY Father, I commend my children unto Thee. Be Thou their God and Father; and mercifully supply whatever is wanting in me through frailty or negligence. Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions of the world, to resist all solicitations to evil, whether from within or without; and deliver them from the secret snares of the enemy. Pour Thy grace into their hearts, and confirm and multiply in them the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and so, faithfully serving Thee here, may come to rejoice in Thy presence hereafter.

A Child's Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast given unto me my father and mother, and made them to be an image of Thine authority, and love, and tender watchfulness; and hast commanded me to love, and honor, and obey them in all things: give me grace cheerfully and with my whole heart to keep this Thy law. Help me to love them fervently, to honor them truly, to yield a ready obedience to their commands, to comply with their wishes, to study their happiness in everything, and to bear their rebukes with patience and humility. Deliver me, O God, from pride, rebellion, and wilfulness, from passion and stubbornness, from sloth and carelessness. Make me diligent in all my duties and studies, and patient in all my trials; that so living, I may deserve to be Thy child, who art our Father in Heaven.

A Prayer for Choosing a State of Life.

O LORD, I beseech Thee to grant me Thy divine light, that I may know the designs of Thy providence concerning me, and that, filled with a sincere desire for my soul's salvation, I may say, with the young man in the Gospel: What must I do to be saved? All states of life are before me; but, still undecided what to do, I await Thy commands, I offer myself to Thee without restriction, without reserve, with a most perfect submission.

Far be it from me, O Lord, to oppose the order of Thy wisdom, and, unfaithful to the inspiration of Thy grace, to strive to subject the will of the Creator to the caprice of the creature. It is not for the servant to choose the way in which he will serve his master: do Thou lay upon me what commands Thou pleasest. *My lot is in Thy hands.* I make no exception, lest perchance what I except be that which Thou willest, and because I am too short-sighted to discover in the future the different obstacles I shall meet with, if, without Thy guidance, I make myself the arbiter of my own conduct. Speak, Lord, to my soul; speak to me as Thou didst to the youthful Samuel: *Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth.* I cast myself at Thy feet, and I am ready, if it be Thy will, to sacrifice myself as a victim to Thee for the remainder of my days, in such wise as Thou shalt deem most worthy of Thy greatness.

O my God, inspire the affections of my parents, and guide their projects according to the counsels of Thy wisdom. Lord, I sincerely desire to consult Thee who art the Eternal Truth; grant that my parents also may submit themselves to its decrees, faithfully and without reserve.

A Prayer in Times of Threatened Calamity.

O JESUS CHRIST, we call upon Thee, Holy, Immortal God. Have mercy upon us and upon all men. Purify us by Thy holy Blood, forgive us by Thy holy Blood, save us by Thy holy Blood, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Civil Authorities.

We pray Thee, O Almighty and Eternal God (p. 56).

A UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

For all Things Necessary to Salvation.

(Composed by Pope Clement XI., A.D. 1721.)

O MY God, I believe in Thee; do Thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in Thee; do Thou secure them. I love Thee; teach me to love Thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended Thee; do Thou increase my sorrow.

I adore Thee as my first beginning; I aspire after Thee as my last end. I give Thee thanks as my constant benefactor; I call upon Thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by Thy wisdom, to restrain me by Thy justice, to comfort me by Thy mercy, to defend me by Thy power.

To Thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; that henceforward I may think of Thee, speak of Thee, refer all my actions to Thy greater glory, and suffer willingly whatever Thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things Thy will may be done, because it is Thy will, and in the manner that Thou willest.

I beg of Thee to enlighten my understanding, to inflame my will, to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences, to overcome my temptations, to subdue my passions, and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affection for Thy goodness, hatred of my faults, love of my neighbor, and contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, courteous to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by almsdeeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my deportment regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labor to overcome nature, to correspond with Thy grace, to keep Thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death ; that I may fear Thy judgments, escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Vespers.

THE public prayers of the Church, other than those in the great Sacrifice of the Mass, are contained in the Breviary. The whole Office for each day consists of MATINS and LAUDS; PRIME, TIERCE, SEXT, and NONE (the prayers for the *first*, *third*, *sixth*, and *ninth* hours, the old Roman division of the day); VESPERS and COMPLINE. This Office was originally chanted daily by the faithful, and is still chanted by some religious Orders, the preservers of primitive tradition and fervor. It is daily recited by the Clergy; and on Sundays and Holydays the Vespers are publicly chanted as part of the solemn worship of the day, to enable the faithful to join in so holy and venerable a form of prayer.

All the parts of the Office consist of Psalms and Canticles from the Holy Scripture, with lessons also from Scripture, or the Holy Fathers, and appropriate to the day.

The Psalms in the Vespers for Sunday are the 109th and the following, including the 113th, although very frequently the 116th is substituted for the last of these. This series of Psalms is most suitable to the ordinary wants of the Church on her weekly Festivals. The first is a kind of commemoration of all the great Mysteries of our Redemption; the second alludes to the praise of God *in the congregation;* the third commemorates the graces and privileges of the just; the fourth is a Psalm of praise, as is also that substituted occasionally for the fifth; the fifth celebrates the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. All are prophecies of our Lord and of His Immaculate Mother, as well as of the Church. In them we sing the praises of Christ, our Lord, as Priest for ever, offering Sacrifice, like Melchisedech, in the form of bread and wine; as Lord of lords, and King of kings; as true to

His promises of ever abiding by His Church, investing her with miraculous powers; and ever spreading the mystic Banquet: in them we praise Him as our Redeemer and our God, whom we adore; in them we praise that Immaculate Virgin—the *joyful mother of children*—and with her raise our hearts and voices to glorify God.

It is not, then, an unmeaning Service, but one most appropriate and consoling. Hence, though it is not of obligation to attend Vespers, as it is to hear Mass, all the Saints and spiritual writers of the Church urge the faithful to be present at this Office with piety and devotion. For there is always more benefit and comfort to be derived from the public Offices of the Church than from private devotions, God having ordained that *Communion of prayers* should always have the preference.

VESPERS FOR SUNDAY.

The Priest, with his attendants, enters the sanctuary, and, kneeling before the Altar, recites the following prayer:

APERI, Domine, os meum ad benedicendum nomen sanctum tuum: munda quoque cor meum ab omnibus vanis, perversis, et alienis cogitationibus: intellectum illumina, affectum inflamma, ut digne, attente, ac devote hoc Officium recitare valeam, et exaudiri merear ante conspectum divinæ	O LORD, open Thou my mouth that I may bless Thy Holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, evil, and wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; kindle my affections, that I may worthily, attentively, and devoutly recite this office, and may deserve to be heard before the presence

Majestatis tuæ. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	of Thy divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R*. Amen.
Domine, in unione illius divinæ intentionis, qua ipse in terris laudes Deo persolvisti, has tibi Horas persolvo.	Lord, in union with that divine intention wherewith Thou didst Thyself praise God while on earth, I offer these Hours unto Thee.

The Celebrant and his attendants then proceed to the bench, on the Epistle side of the sanctuary, and after saying in silence the Our Father *and the* Hail Mary, *the Celebrant intones :*

DEUS, in adjutorium meum intende.	COME unto my help, O God.
R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.	*R*. O Lord, make haste to help me.
V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	*V*. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.	*R*. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

[*From* Septuagesima *to* Palm Sunday, *inclusively, is said :*

Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.	Praise to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.]
Ant. Dixit Dominus.	*Ant*. The Lord said.

In Easter-tide the Psalms are all said under this one Antiphon: Alleluia.

A * *Psalm 109.*

DIXIT Dominus Domino meo: * Sede a dextris meis:	THE Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand:
Donec ponam inimicos tuos * scabellum pedum tuorum.	Until I make Thine enemies: Thy foot-stool.
Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: * dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.	The Lord will send forth the sceptre of Thy power out of Sion: rule Thou in the midst of Thine enemies.
Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ in splendoribus Sanctorum: * ex utero ante luciferum genui te.	Thine shall be dominion in the day of Thy power, amid the brightness of the Saints: from the womb before the day-star have I begotten Thee.
Juravit Dominus, et non pœnitebit eum; * Tu es sacerdos in æternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech.	The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.
Dominus a dextris tuis * confregit in die iræ suæ reges.	The Lord upon Thy right hand: hath overthrown kings in the day of His wrath.

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* The letters prefixed to the Vesper Psalms are for convenience in selecting them for different Feasts. See the DIRECTORY (p. 215).

Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas: * conquassabit capita in terra multorum.	He shall judge among the nations; He shall fill them with ruins: He shall smite in sunder the heads in the land of many.
De torrente in via bibet, * propterea exaltabit caput.	He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall He lift up His head.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.
Ant. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis.	*Ant.* The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand.
Ant. Fidelia.	*Ant.* Faithful.

B

Psalm 110.

CONFITEBOR tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: * in consilio justorum, et congregatione.	I WILL praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: in the assembly of the just, and in the congregation.
Magna opera Domini: * exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.	Great are the works of the Lord: sought out are they according unto all His pleasure.
Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus, * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.	His work is His praise and His honor: and His justice endureth for ever and ever.
Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum misericors et	A memorial hath the merciful and gracious Lord

miserator Dominus: * escam dedit timentibus se.	made of His marvellous works: He hath given meat unto them that fear Him.
Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: * virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo:	He shall ever be mindful of His covenant: He shall show forth to His people the power of His works:
Ut det illis hæreditatem gentium: * opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium.	That He may give them the heritage of the gentiles: the works of His hands are truth and judgment.
Fidelia omnia mandata ejus, confirmata in sæculum sæculi, * facta in veritate et æquitate.	All His commandments are faithful: they stand fast for ever and ever, they are done in truth and equity.
Redemptionem misit populo suo: * mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.	He hath sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever.
Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: * initium sapientiæ timor Domini.	Holy and terrible is His name: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: * laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.	A good understanding have all they that do thereafter: His praise endureth for ever and ever.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.
Ant. Fidelia omnia man-	*Ant.* Faithful are all

data ejus, confirmata in sæculum sæculi.

Ant. In mandatis.

His commandments; they stand fast for ever and ever.

Ant. In His commandments.

C *Psalm 111.*

BEATUS vir, qui timet Dominum; * in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus; * generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus, * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: * misericors, et miserator, et justus.

Jucundus homo, qui miseretur et commodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: * quia in æternum non commovebitur.

In memoria æterna erit

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Glory and riches shall be in his house: and his justice endureth for ever and ever.

Unto the upright there hath risen up light in the darkness: he is merciful, and compassionate, and just.

Acceptable is the man who is merciful and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment, for he shall not be moved for ever.

The just man shall be in

justus : * ab auditione mala non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino, confirmatum est cor ejus : * non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus ; justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi : * cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

Peccator videbit, et irascetur ; dentibus suis fremet et tabescet : * desiderium peccatorum peribit.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. In mandatis ejus cupit nimis.

Ant. Sit nomen Domini.

everlasting remembrance : he shall not be afraid for evil tidings.

His heart is ready to hope in the Lord : his heart is strengthened, he shall not be moved until he look down upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, he hath given to the poor ; his justice endureth for ever and ever : his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see it and shall be wroth ; he shall gnash with his teeth, and pine away : the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. In His commandments He hath exceeding great delight.

Ant. Blessed be the name.

D

Psalm 112.

LAUDATE, pueri, Dominum : * laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini bene-

PRAISE the Lord, ye children : praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of

dictum : * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.
A solis ortu usque ad occasum : * laudabile nomen Domini.	From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same : the name of the Lord is worthy to be praised.
Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus : * et super cœlos gloria ejus.	The Lord is high above all nations : and His glory above the heavens.
Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat : * et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terra ?	Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high : and regardeth the things that are lowly in heaven and on earth ?
Suscitans a terra inopem : * et de stercore erigens pauperem :	Who raiseth up the needy from the earth : and lifteth the poor out of the dunghill ;
Ut collocet eum cum principibus : * cum principibus populi sui.	That He may set him with the princes : even with the princes of His people.
Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo : * matrem filiorum lætantem.	Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house : the joyful mother of children.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.
Ant. Sit nomen Domini benedictum in sæcula.	*Ant.* Blessed be the name of the Lord for evermore.
Ant. Nos qui vivimus.	*Ant.* We that live.

E

Psalm 113.

IN exitu Israel de Ægypto : * domus Jacob de populo barbaro,	WHEN Israel came out of Egypt : the house of Jacob from among a strange people,
Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus : * Israel potestas ejus.	Judea was made His sanctuary : and Israel His dominion.
Mare vidit, et fugit : * Jordanis conversus est retrorsum.	The sea saw it, and fled : Jordan was turned back.
Montes exultaverunt ut arietes : * et colles sicut agni ovium.	The mountains skipped like rams : and the little hills like the lambs of the flock.
Quid est tibi, mare, quod fugisti : * et tu, Jordanis, quia conversus es retrorsum ?	What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest : and thou, Jordan, that thou wast turned back ?
Montes, exultastis sicut arietes : * et colles, sicut agni ovium ?	Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye little hills, like the lambs of the flock ?
A facie Domini mota est terra : * a facie Dei Jacob.	At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved : at the presence of the God of Jacob.
Qui convertit petram in stagna aquarum : * et rupem in fontes aquarum.	Who turned the rock into a standing water : and the stony hill into a flowing stream.
Non nobis, Domine, non	Not unto us, O Lord, not

nobis : * sed nomini tuo da gloriam.	unto us : but unto Thy name give the glory.
Super misericordia tua, et veritate tua : * nequando dicant gentes, Ubi est Deus eorum ?	For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake : lest the gentiles should say, Where is their God?
Deus autem noster in cœlo : * omnia quæcumque voluit fecit.	But our God is in heaven : He hath done all things whatsoever He would.
Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum : * opera manuum hominum.	The idols of the gentiles are silver and gold : the work of the hands of men.
Os habent, et non loquentur : * oculos habent, et non videbunt.	They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, and see not.
Aures habent, et non audient : * nares habent, et non odorabunt.	They have ears, and hear not : noses have they, and smell not.
Manus habent, et non palpabunt ; pedes habent, et non ambulabunt : * non clamabunt in gutture suo.	They have hands, and feel not : they have feet, and walk not ; neither shall they speak through their throat.
Similes illis fiant, qui faciunt ea : * et omnes qui confidunt in eis.	Let them that make them become like unto them : and all such as put their trust in them.
Domus Israel speravit in Domino : * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.	The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord : He is their helper and protector.
Domus Aaron speravit in Domino : * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.	The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord : He is their helper and protector.

Qui timent Dominum, speraverunt in Domino: * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.	They that fear the Lord have hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and protector.
Dominus memor fuit nostri, * et benedixit nobis.	The Lord hath been mindful of us: and hath blessed us.
Benedixit domui Israel: * benedixit domui Aaron.	He hath blessed the house of Israel: He hath blessed the house of Aaron.
Benedixit omnibus, qui timent Dominum: * pusillis cum majoribus.	He hath blessed all that fear the Lord: both small and great.
Adjiciat Dominus super vos: * super vos, et super filios vestros.	May the Lord add blessings upon you: upon you, and upon your children.
Benedicti vos a Domino: * qui fecit cœlum et terram.	Blessed be ye of the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
Cœlum cœli Domino, * terram autem dedit filiis hominum.	The heaven of heavens is the Lord's: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.
Non mortui laudabunt te, Domine: * neque omnes, qui descendunt in infernum.	The dead shall not praise Thee, O Lord: neither all they that go down into hell.
Sed nos qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino: * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	But we that live bless the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Nos qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino.	*Ant.* We that live bless the Lord.

In Easter-tide : Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

When the Choir has ended the chanting of the Psalms, the Priest rises and chants the Little Chapter—generally the first sentence of the Epistle of the day (pp. 665 to 78[illegible]); but from the Third Sunday *after* Epiphany *till* Septuagesima, *and from the* Third Sunday *after* Pentecost *till* Advent, *the following :*

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

Benedictus Deus, et Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Pater misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui consolatur nos in omni tribulatione nostra.	Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, who comforteth us in all our tribulation.
R. Deo gratias.	*R.* Thanks be to God.

The choir then sings the Hymn of the day, which varies according to season and solemnity (pp. 599 to 660). The Hymn which corresponds to the Little Chapter, Benedictus, *is as follows :*

LUCIS Creator optime,	*FATHER of Lights, by whom each day
Lucem dierum proferens,	Is kindled out of night,
Primordiis lucis novæ	Who, when the heavens were made, didst lay
Mundi parans originem :	Their rudiments in light;

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* Translation by Cardinal Newman.

Qui mane junctum vesperi	Thou who didst bind and blend in one
Diem vocari præcipis ;	The glistening morn and evening pale,
Illabitur tetrum chaos,	Hear Thou our plaint, when light is gone,
Audi preces cum fletibus.	And lawlessness and strife prevail.
Ne mens gravata crimine,	Hear, lest the whelming weight of crime
Vitæ sit exul munere,	Wreck us with life in view ;
Dum nil perenne cogitat,	Lest thoughts and schemes of sense and time
Seseque culpis illigat.	Earn us a sinner's due.
Cœleste pulset ostium ;	So may we knock at Heaven's door,
Vitale tollat præmium :	And strive the immortal prize to win,
Vitemus omne noxium :	Continually and evermore
Purgemus omne pessimum.	Guarded without and pure within.
Præsta, Pater piissime,	Grant this, O Father, Only Son,
Patrique compar unice,	And Spirit, God of grace,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,	To whom all worship shall be done
Regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.	In every time and place. Amen.

V. Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea,	*V*. Let my prayer, O Lord, be directed
R. Sicut incensum in conspectu tuo.	*R*. As incense in Thy sight.

Then the choir chants the Magnificat *or* Canticle of the Blessed Virgin—*preceded and followed by its proper* Antiphon—*during which the Priest puts on the cope, if he has not worn it from the beginning, and, proceeding to the Altar, blesses incense and puts it into the censer. He then incenses the Altar in the same manner as at Solemn Mass.*

THE MAGNIFICAT, OR CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

MAGNIFICAT * anima mea Dominum.	MY soul doth magnify: the Lord.
Et exultavit spiritus meus * in Deo salutari meo.	And my spirit rejoiceth: in God my Saviour.
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.	Because He hath looked down on the lowliness of His handmaid: for behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.	Because the Mighty One hath done great things for me: and holy is His name.
Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies, * timentibus eum.	And His mercy is from generation to generation: on those who fear Him.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.	He showeth might in His arm: He scattereth the proud in the conceit of their heart.

Deposuit potentes de sede, * et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis, * et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, * recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros: * Abraham, et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri. etc.

He casteth down the mighty from their throne: and exalteth the lowly.

He filleth the hungry with good things: and the rich He sendeth away empty.

He hath received His servant Israel: being mindful of His mercy.

As He spake to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Here follow the proper Collect (*pp. 665 to 780*) *and the* Commemorations, *if any.*

THE USUAL COMMEMORATIONS.

These are said at the end of Vespers, from the Third Sunday *after* Epiphany *to the* Fourth Sunday *of* Lent; *and from the* Third *to the* Last Sunday *after* Pentecost *inclusively, except on Doubles and within Octaves.*

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

SANCTA Maria, succurre miseris, juva pusillanimes, refove flebiles, ora pro populo, interveni pro clero, intercede pro devoto fœmineo sexu:

HOLY Mary, be thou a help to the helpless, a strength to the fearful, a comfort to the sorrowful; pray for the people, plead for the clergy, make sentiant omnes tuum juvamen, quicumque celebrant tuam sanctam commemorationem.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

intercession for all women vowed to God; may all feel thine assistance who keep thy holy remembrance.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

CONCEDE nos famulos tuos, quæsumus Domine Deus, perpetua mentis et corporis sanitate gaudere : et gloriosa beatæ Mariæ semper virginis intercessione, a præsenti liberari tristitia, et æterna perfrui lætitia.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord God, we beseech Thee, that we Thy servants may rejoice in continual health of mind and body ; and through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, be freed from present sorrow and enjoy eternal gladness.

From the Third Sunday *after* Epiphany *to the* Purification *the following V. R. and Prayer are said instead of the above :*

V. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

V. After childbirth thou didst remain a pure Virgin.

R. O Mother of God, intercede for us.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœcunda, hu-

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary hast given mano generi præmia præstitisti : tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum.

unto mankind the rewards of eternal salvation : grant, we beseech Thee, that we may feel that she intercedes for us, through whom we have been made worthy to receive the Author of Life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

OF ST. JOSEPH.

ECCE fidelis servus et prudens, quem constituit Dominus super familiam suam.

V. Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus.

R. Et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

BEHOLD a faithful and wise servant, whom the Lord hath set over His household.

V. Glory and riches shall be in his house.

R. And his justice endureth for ever and ever.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui ineffabili providentia beatum Joseph sanctissimæ Genitricis tuæ sponsum eligere dignatus es : præsta quæsumus, ut quem protectorem veneramur in terris, intercessorem habere mereamur in cœlis.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by Thine unspeakable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother : mercifully grant that, as we venerate him for our Protector on earth, we may be found worthy to be aided by his intercession in heaven.

OF THE APOSTLES.

PETRUS Apostolus, et Paulus doctor Gentium, ipsi nos docuerunt legem tuam, Domine.

PETER the Apostle, and Paul the Doctor of the Gentiles, they have taught us Thy law, O Lord.

V. Constitues eos principes super omnem terram.

R. Memores erunt nominis tui, Domine.

V. Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.

R. They shall be mindful of Thy name, O Lord.

Oremus.

DEUS, cujus dextera beatum Petrum ambulantem in fluctibus, ne mergeretur, erexit; et coapostolum ejus Paulum tertio naufragantem de profundo pelagi liberavit: exaudi nos propitius, et concede, ut amborum meritis æternitatis gloriam consequamur.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose right hand raised up Blessed Peter when he walked amid the waves, and suffered him not to sink; and delivered his fellow-Apostle Paul, in his third shipwreck, from the depths of the sea: graciously hear us, and grant that by the merits of both we may attain unto everlasting glory.

[*A Commemoration is made of the Patron or Titular of the Church either before or after the above according to dignity.*]

FOR PEACE.

DA pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris, quia non est alius qui pugnet

GRANT peace in our days, O Lord, for there is none other that pro nobis, nisi tu Deus noster.

V. Fiat pax in virtute tua.

R. Et abundantia in turribus tuis.

fighteth for us, but only Thou, our God.

V. Let peace be in thy strength.

R. And plenteousness in thy towers.

Oremus.

DEUS, a quo sancta desideria, recta consilia, et justa sunt opera: da servis tuis illam, quam mundus dare non potest pacem; ut et corda nostra mandatis tuis dedita, et hostium sublata formidine, tempora sint tua protectione tranquilla.

Let us pray.

O GOD, from whom are holy desires, right counsels, and just works: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts being given to the keeping of Thy commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, our days, by Thy protection, may be peaceful.

From the Second Sunday *after* Easter *till the* Ascension *the foregoing Commemorations are omitted, and the following is the only Commemoration made:*

OF THE CROSS.

CRUCEM sanctam subiit, qui infernum confregit, accinctus est potentia, surrexit die tertia, Alleluia.

HE bore the Holy Cross, who broke the power of hell; He was girded with power, He arose again the third day, Alleluia.

V. Dicite in nationibus, Alleluia.

R. Quia Dominus regnavit a ligno, Alleluia.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui pro nobis Filium tuum crucis patibulum subire voluisti, ut inimici a nobis expelleres potestatem: concede nobis famulis tuis, ut resurrectionis gratiam consequamur. Per eumdem Dominum, etc.

R. Amen.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Pater noster (*secreto*).

V. Dominus det nobis suam pacem.

R. Et vitam æternam. Amen.

V. Tell ye among the nations, Alleluia.

R. That the Lord hath reigned from the tree, Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst will that Thy Son should undergo for us the ignominy of the Cross, that Thou mightest drive away from us the power of the enemy: grant unto us Thy servants to be made partakers of the grace of the Resurrection. Through our Lord, etc.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. May the Lord grant us His peace.

R. And life everlasting. Amen.

Here follows the Antiphon of the Blessed Virgin proper for the season. See end of Compline (*p. 76*).

Last of all is said, kneeling and in silence :

SACROSANCTÆ et individuæ Trinitati, crucifixi Domini nostri Jesu Christi humanitati, beatissimæ et gloriosissimæ, semperque Virginis Mariæ fœcundæ integritati, et omnium Sanctorum universitati sit sempiterna laus, honor, virtus et gloria ab omni creatura, nobisque remissio omnium peccatorum, per infinita sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Beata viscera Mariæ Virginis, quæ portaverunt æterni Patris Filium.

R. Et beata ubera, quæ lactaverunt Christum Dominum.

TO the Most Holy and undivided Trinity, to the Humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, to the fruitful Virginity of the most blessed and most glorious Mary, ever Virgin, and to the whole company of the Saints, be everlasting praise, honor, and glory, by all creatures ; and to us remission of all our sins, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. Blessed be the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

R. And blessed be the breast which nourished Christ the Lord.

Then are said the Our Father *and the* Hail Mary.

THE OTHER PSALMS SUNG ON FESTIVALS AND SUNDAYS DURING THE YEAR.

A complete Directory for their use will be found at the end (p. 215). The reference is made by letters of the alphabet.

F

Psalm 116.

LAUDATE Dominum, omnes gentes: * laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: * et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

G

Psalm 115.

CREDIDI, propter quod locutus sum: * ego autem humiliatus sum nimis.

Ego dixi in excessu meo: * Omnis homo mendax.

Quid retribuam Domino * pro omnibus, quæ retribuit mihi?

Calicem salutaris accipiam, * et nomen Domini invocabo.

Vota mea Domino red-

I BELIEVED, and therefore did I speak: but I was humbled exceedingly.

I said in mine excess: All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the Lord: for all the things that He hath rendered unto me?

I will take the chalice of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto

dam coram omni populo ejus: * pretiosa in conspectu Domini mors sanctorum ejus.

O Domine, quia ego servus tuus: * ego servus tuus, et filius ancillæ tuæ.

Dirupisti vincula mea: * tibi sacrificabo hostiam laudis, et nomen Domini invocabo.

Vota mea Domino reddam in conspectu omnis populi ejus: * in atriis domus Domini, in medio tui, Jerusalem.

Gloria Patri, etc.

the Lord, in the presence of all His people: precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

O Lord, I am Thy servant: I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid.

Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder: I will offer unto Thee the sacrifice of praise, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all His people: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

H

Psalm 121.

LÆTATUS sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: * In domum Domini ibimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri * in atriis tuis, Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, quæ ædificatur ut civitas: * cujus participatio ejus in idipsum.

I WAS glad at the things that were said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in thy courts: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city: that is in unity with itself.

Illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini: * testimonium Israel ad confitendum nomini Domini.	For thither did the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
Quia illic sederunt sedes in judicio, * sedes super domum David.	For there are set the seats of judgment: the seats over the house of David.
Rogate quæ ad pacem sunt Jerusalem: * et abundantia diligentibus te.	Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem: and plenteousness be to them that love thee.
Fiat pax in virtute tua: * et abundantia in turribus tuis.	Let peace be in thy strength: and plenteousness in thy towers.
Propter fratres meos, et proximos meos, * loquebar pacem de te:	For my brethren and companions' sake: I spake peace concerning thee.
Propter domum Domini Dei nostri, * quæsivi bona tibi.	Because of the house of the Lord our God: I have sought good things for thee.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 126.

NISI Dominus ædificaverit domum, * in vanum laboraverunt qui ædificant eam.	UNLESS the Lord build the house: they labor in vain that build it.
Nisi Dominus custodi-	Unless the Lord keep the

erit civitatem, * frustra vigilat qui custodit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem surgere : * surgite postquam sederitis, qui manducatis panem doloris.

Cum dederit dilectis suis somnum : * ecce hæreditas Domini, filii ; merces, fructus ventris.

Sicut sagittæ in manu potentis : * ita filii excussorum.

Beatus vir qui implevit desiderium suum ex ipsis : * non confundetur cum loquetur inimicis suis in porta.

Gloria Patri, etc.

city : he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

In vain do ye rise before the light : rise not till ye have rested, O ye that eat the bread of sorrow.

When He hath given sleep to His beloved : lo, children are an heritage from the Lord ; and the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like as arrows in the hand of the mighty One : so are the children of those that have been cast out.

Blessed is the man whose desire is satisfied with them : he shall not be confounded when he speaketh with his enemies in the gate.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

J

Psalm 147.

LAUDA, Jerusalem, Dominum : * lauda Deum tuum, Sion.

Quoniam confortavit seras portarum tuarum : * benedixit filiis tuis in te.

PRAISE the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates : He hath blessed thy children within thee.

Qui posuit fines tuos pacem : * et adipe frumenti satiat te.	Who hath made peace in thy borders : and filleth thee with the fat of corn.
Qui emittit eloquium suum terræ : * velociter currit sermo ejus.	Who sendeth forth His speech upon the earth : His word runneth very swiftly.
Qui dat nivem sicut lanam ; * nebulam sicut cinerem spargit.	Who giveth snow like wool : He scattereth mists like ashes.
Mittit crystallum suam sicut buccellas : * ante faciem frigoris ejus quis sustinebit ?	He sendeth His crystal like morsels : who shall stand before the face of His cold ?
Emittet verbum suum, et liquefaciet ea : * flabit spiritus ejus, et fluent aquæ.	He shall send out His word, and shall melt them : His wind shall blow, and the waters shall run.
Qui annuntiat verbum suum Jacob : * justitias et judicia sua Israel.	Who declareth His word unto Jacob : His justice and judgments unto Israel.
Non fecit taliter omni nationi : * et judicia sua non manifestavit eis.	He hath not done in like manner to every nation : and His judgments He hath not made manifest to them.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

K

Psalm 125.

IN convertendo Dominus captivitatem Sion, * facti sumus sicut consolati.	WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : we became like men consoled.

Tunc repletum est gaudio os nostrum : * et lingua nostra exultatione.	Then was our mouth filled with gladness : and our tongue with joy.
Tunc dicent inter gentes : * Magnificavit Dominus facere cum eis.	Then shall they say among the gentiles : The Lord hath done great things for them.
Magnificavit Dominus facere nobiscum : * facti sumus lætantes.	The Lord hath done great things for us : we are become joyful.
Converte, Domine, captivitatem nostram : * sicut torrens in austro.	Turn again our captivity, O Lord : as a river in the south.
Qui seminant in lacrymis, * in exultatione metent.	They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.
Euntes ibant et flebant,* mittentes semina sua.	They went forth on their way and wept : scattering their seed.
Venientes autem venient cum exultatione : * portantes manipulos suos.	But returning, they shall come with joy : carrying their sheaves with them.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

L

Psalm 138.

DOMINE, probasti me, et cognovisti me : * tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.	LORD, Thou hast proved me, and known me : Thou hast known my sitting down, and my rising up.
Intellexisti cogitationes	Thou hast understood

meas de longe: * semitam meam et funiculum meum investigasti.

Et omnes vias meas prævidisti: * quia non est sermo in lingua mea.

Ecce, Domine, tu cognovisti omnia, novissima et antiqua: * tu formasti me, et posuisti super me manum tuam.

Mirabilis facta est scientia tua ex me: * confortata est, et non potero ad eam.

Quo ibo a spiritu tuo? * et quo a facie tua fugiam?

Si ascendero in cœlum, tu illic es: * si descendero in infernum, ades.

Si sumpsero pennas meas diluculo, * et habitavero in extremis maris:

Etenim illuc manus tua deducet me: * et tenebit me dextera tua.

Et dixi: Forsitan tenebræ conculcabunt me: * et

my thoughts afar off: my path and my line hast Thou searched out.

Thou hast foreseen also all my ways: for there is no speech in my tongue.

Behold, O Lord, Thou hast known all things, the newest and those of old: Thou hast formed me, and laid Thine hand upon me.

Thy knowledge is become wonderful unto me: it is high, and I cannot reach unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy face?

If I ascend into heaven, Thou art there: if I descend into hell, Thou art present.

If I take my wings early in the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there also shall Thy hand lead me: and Thy right hand shall hold me.

And I said, Perhaps darkness shall cover me:

nox illuminatio mea in deliciis meis.	and night shall be my light in my pleasures.
Quia tenebræ non obscurabuntur a te, et nox sicut dies illuminabitur : * sicut tenebræ ejus, ita et lumen ejus.	But darkness shall not be dark to Thee ; and night shall be as light as the day : the darkness and the light thereof shall be alike to Thee.
Quia tu possedisti renes meos : * suscepisti me de utero matris meæ.	For Thou hast possessed my reins : Thou hast upholden me from my mother's womb.
Confitebor tibi, quia terribiliter magnificatus es : * mirabilia opera tua, et anima mea cognoscit nimis.	I will praise Thee, for Thou art fearfully magnified : wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knoweth them right well.
Non est occultatum os meum a te, quod fecisti in occulto : * et substantia mea in inferioribus terræ.	My bone is not hidden from Thee, which Thou hast made in secret : and my substance in the lower parts of the earth.
Imperfectum meum viderunt oculi tui, et in libro tuo omnes scribentur : * dies formabuntur, et nemo in eis.	Thine eyes did see my imperfect being, and in Thy book all shall be written : the days shall be formed, and no one in them.
Mihi autem nimis honorificati sunt amici tui, Deus : * nimis confortatus est principatus eorum.	But to me Thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly honorable : their principality is exceedingly strengthened.
Dinumerabo eos, et su-	I will number them, and

per arenam multiplicabuntur: * exurrexi, et adhuc sum tecum.

Si occideris, Deus, peccatores: * viri sanguinum declinate a me:

Quia dicitis in cogitatione: * Accipient in vanitate civitates tuas.

Nonne qui oderunt te, Domine, oderam: * et super inimicos tuos tabescebam?

Perfecto odio oderam illos: * et inimici facti sunt mihi.

Proba me, Deus, et scito cor meum: * interroga me, et cognosce semitas meas.

Et vide, si via iniquitatis in me est: * et deduc me in via æterna.

Gloria Patri, etc.

they shall be multiplied above the sand: I rose up, and am still with Thee.

If Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: ye men of blood, depart from me:

Because ye say in thought: They shall receive Thy cities in vain.

Have I not hated them, O Lord, that hated Thee: and pined away because of Thine enemies?

I have hated them with a perfect hatred: and they became as enemies unto me.

Prove me, O God, and know my heart: examine me, and know my paths.

And see if there be in me the way of iniquity: and lead me in the eternal way.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

M

Psalm 131.

MEMENTO, Domine, David, * et omnis mansuetudinis ejus:

O LORD, remember David: and all his meekness.

Sicut juravit Domino: * votum vovit Deo Jacob:	How he sware unto the Lord: and vowed a vow to the God of Jacob:
Si introiero in tabernaculum domus meæ: * si ascendero in lectum strati mei:	If I shall enter into the tabernacle of my house; if I shall go up into my bed:
Si dedero somnum oculis meis, * et palpebris meis dormitationem,	If I shall give sleep to mine eyes: or slumber to mine eyelids,
Et requiem temporibus meis: donec inveniam locum Domino, * tabernaculum Deo Jacob.	Or rest unto the temples of my head: until I find a place for the Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
Ecce audivimus eam in Ephrata: * invenimus eam in campis silvæ.	Lo, we heard of it in Ephrata: we found it in the fields of the wood.
Introibimus in tabernaculum ejus: * adorabimus in loco, ubi steterunt pedes ejus.	We will go into His tabernacle: we will worship in the place where His feet have stood.
Surge, Domine, in requiem tuam: * tu et arca sanctificationis tuæ.	Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting-place: Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.
Sacerdotes tui induantur justitiam: * et sancti tui exultent.	Let Thy priests be clothed with justice: and let Thy saints rejoice.
Propter David servum tuum * non avertas faciem Christi tui.	For Thy servant David's sake: turn not away the face of Thine Anointed.
Juravit Dominus David veritatem, et non frustrabitur eam: * De fructu ven-	The Lord hath sworn the truth unto David, and He will not make it void: Of

tris tui ponam super sedem tuam.

Si custodierint filii tui testamentum meum : * et testimonia mea hæc, quæ docebo eos :

Et filii eorum usque in sæculum * sedebunt super sedem tuam.

Quoniam elegit Dominus Sion : * elegit eam in habitationem sibi.

Hæc requies mea in sæculum sæculi : * hic habitabo, quoniam elegi eam.

Viduam ejus benedicens benedicam : * pauperes ejus saturabo panibus.

Sacerdotes ejus induam salutari : * et sancti ejus exultatione exultabunt.

Illuc producam cornu David : * paravi lucernam Christo meo.

Inimicos ejus induam confusione : * super ipsum autem efflorebit sanctificatio mea.

Gloria Patri, etc.

the fruit of thy body I will set upon thy throne.

If thy children will keep My covenant : and these My testimonies which I shall teach them,

Their children also shall sit upon thy throne : for evermore.

For the Lord hath chosen Sion : He hath chosen her for His dwelling.

This is My rest for ever and ever : here will I dwell, for I have chosen her.

With blessing I will bless her widows : I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will clothe her priests with salvation : and her saints shall rejoice with exceeding joy.

There will I bring forth a horn unto David : I have prepared a lamp for Mine Anointed.

His enemies I will clothe with confusion : but upon Him shall My sanctification flourish.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

N

Psalm 127.

BEATI omnes, qui timent Dominum, * qui ambulant in viis ejus.

Labores manuum tuarum quia manducabis : * beatus es, et bene tibi erit.

Uxor tua, sicut vitis abundans, * in lateribus domus tuæ.

Filii tui sicut novellæ olivarum, * in circuitu mensæ tuæ.

Ecce, sic benedicetur homo, * qui timet Dominum.

Benedicat tibi Dominus ex Sion : * et videas bona Jerusalem omnibus diebus vitæ tuæ.

Et videas filios filiorum tuorum : * pacem super Israel.

Gloria Patri, etc.

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord : that walk in His ways.

For thou shalt eat the labors of thy hands : blessed art thou, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine : on the walls of thy house.

Thy children as olive plants : round about thy table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.

May the Lord bless thee out of Sion : and mayest thou see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Mayest thou see thy children's children : and peace upon Israel.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

O

Psalm 129.

DE profundis clamavi ad te, Domine : * Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes * in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: * Domine, quis sustinebit?

Quia apud te propitiatio est: * et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus: * speravit anima mea in Domino.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem * speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia: * et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel * ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

Gloria Patri, etc.

O let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: and because of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath waited on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night: let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel; from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

P

Psalm 137.

CONFITEBOR tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: * quoniam audisti verba oris mei.

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: for Thou hast heard the words of my mouth.

In conspectu Angelorum psallam tibi : * adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum, et confitebor nomini tuo :	I will sing praise unto Thee in the sight of the Angels : I will worship towards Thy holy temple, and give glory unto Thy name.
Super misericordia tua, et veritate tua : * quoniam magnificasti super omne, nomen sanctum tuum.	For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth : for Thou hast magnified Thy holy name above all.
In quacumque die invocavero te, exaudi me : * multiplicabis in anima mea virtutem.	In what day soever I shall call upon Thee, hear Thou me : Thou shalt multiply strength in my soul.
Confiteantur tibi, Domine, omnes reges terræ : * quia audierunt omnia verba oris tui.	Let all the kings of the earth give glory unto Thee, O Lord : for they have heard all the words of Thy mouth.
Et cantent in viis Domini : * quoniam magna est gloria Domini.	And let them sing in the ways of the Lord : for great is the glory of the Lord.
Quoniam excelsus Dominus, et humilia respicit : * et alta a longe cognoscit.	For the Lord is high, and looketh on the lowly : and the lofty He knoweth afar off.
Si ambulavero in medio tribulationis, vivificabis me, * et super iram inimicorum meorum extendisti manum tuam, et salvum me fecit dextera tua.	If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, Thou wilt quicken me : and Thou hast stretched forth Thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy right hand hath saved me.

Dominus retribuet pro me; Domine, misericordia tua in sæculum: * opera manuum tuarum ne despicias.

Gloria Patri, etc.

The Lord will repay for me; Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: O despise not the works of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

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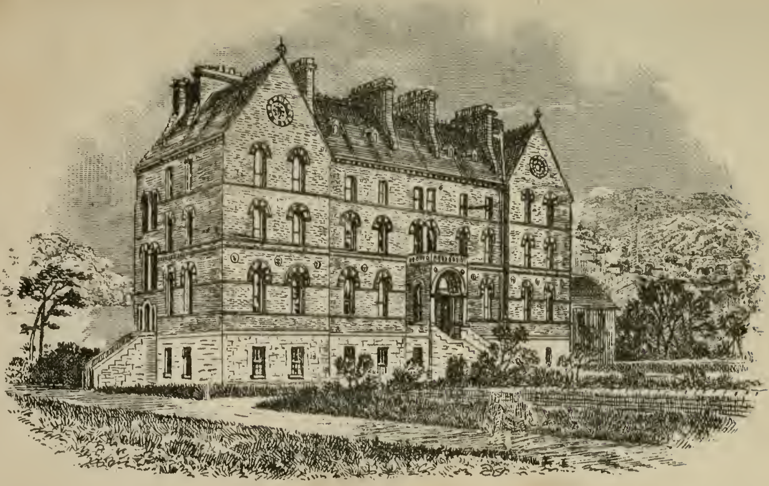
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is a Rite in which Jesus, in the Sacrament of His love, is not only exposed to the adoration of the faithful, but in which He, present in that Sacrament, is implored to bless the faithful present before the Altar. It is not so much the Priest who blesses the people by this Rite, as it is Jesus Christ Himself, in the Blessed Sacrament, who bestows His benediction upon them.

In this country Benediction usually follows Vespers. After the final Antiphon of the Blessed Virgin is said, the Priest, vested in surplice, stole, and cope, goes up to the Altar, while the choir sings the *O salutaris Hostia ;* and opening the Tabernacle, he makes a genuflection, and taking out a consecrated Host enclosed in a kind of locket, called a *luna*, places this in the centre of the *Monstrance* or *Ostensorium*—a stand of gold or silver, with rays like the sun. He then descends to the foot of the Altar, and puts incense in the censer; kneeling again, he receives the censer from the hand of the acolyte, and incenses the Adorable Host. When the choir sings the second line of the *Tantum ergo,* all bow humbly down, and then, or during the *Genitori*, the Priest again incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

As soon as the choir has ended the hymn the Priest chants the Versicle; and after the Response he chants the Prayer of the Blessed Sacrament, and sometimes another prayer. He then



St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Belfast.

kneels again, and a veil is placed around his shoulders, after which he ascends again to the Altar, and, making a genuflection, takes the Monstrance, and, turning to the people, gives the Benediction in silence, making the sign of the Cross over the kneeling congregation.

Replacing the Host in the Tabernacle, he descends, and, preceded by his assistants, retires, while the choir chants the 116th Psalm, *Laudate Dominum omnes gentes*, or some other Psalm or Canticle permitted by the usage of the place.

During this holy Rite the devout worshipper may either join in the chant of the choir, or pour out his soul in aspirations of love, adoration, gratitude, petition, or contrition to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, thus humbled for our love.

When the Priest has exposed the Blessed Sacrament, the choir sings:

O SALUTARIS Hostia,	O SAVING Victim! opening wide
Qui cœli pandis ostium:	The gate of Heaven to man below!
Bella premunt hostilia:	Our foes press on from every side;
Da robur, fer auxilium.	Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.
Uni trinoque Domino	To Thy great Name be endless praise,
Sit sempiterna gloria,	Immortal Godhead! One in Three!
Qui vitam sine termino	O grant us endless length of days
Nobis donet in patria.	In our true native land with Thee!

Here is frequently sung the Litany of Loreto (*p. 65*), *or some hymn in honor of the Blessed Sacrament* (*p. 658*).

Lastly is sung the Tantum Ergo; *during which incense is again offered to the Blessed Sacrament, and all prostrate themselves at the second line.*

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum,	DOWN in adoration falling,
Veneremur cernui;	Lo! the sacred Host we hail!
Et antiquum documentum	Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Novo cedat ritui;	Newer rites of grace prevail;
Præstet fides supplementum	Faith for all defects supplying
Sensuum defectui.	Where the feeble senses fail.
Genitori, Genitoque	To the Everlasting Father,
Laus et jubilatio;	And the Son who reigns on high,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque	With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Sit et benedictio;	Forth from each eternally,
Procedenti ab utroque	Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Compar sit laudatio. *Amen.*	Might, and endless majesty. *Amen.*

Still kneeling, the Priest sings:

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.	*V.* Thou gavest them bread from heaven.

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

R. Having in it the sweetness of every taste.

[*In* Easter-tide, *and during the octave of* Corpus Christi, Alleluia *is added to V. and R.*]

Rising, he sings the following prayer:

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis, sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, under a wonderful Sacrament, hast left us a memorial of Thy passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption. Who livest and reignest, world without end.

R. Amen.

The Benediction Veil is now placed upon the shoulders of the Priest. He ascends the steps of the Altar, takes the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament in his hands, and solemnly and in silence makes with It the sign of the Cross over the kneeling people. (Meanwhile a bell is rung by an acolyte.)

After the Blessed Sacrament has been replaced in the Tabernacle all rise and sing:

Psalm 116.

LAUDATE Dominum, omnes gentes: laudate eum, omnes populi.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.	For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

During the singing of the Sicut erat *of the* Gloria *the Celebrant and ministers retire; and thus ends the Benediction.*

Occasional Offices.

THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES.

ON THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION, FEBRUARY 2.

The Priest, clad in a violet cope, or else without chasuble, proceeds to the Blessing of the Candles, placed on a table near the Epistle corner of the Altar; and there standing, facing the Altar, and with hands joined before his breast, the Priest says.

DOMINUS vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

DOMINE sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, qui omnia ex nihilo creasti, et jussu tuo, per opera apum, hunc liquorem ad perfectionem cerei venire fecisti; et qui hodierna die petitionem justi Simeonis implesti: te humiliter deprecamur, ut has candelas ad usus ho-

THE Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, who didst create all things from nothing, and by the labor of bees at Thy command hast brought this liquid to the perfection of wax; and who on this day didst fulfil the petition of just Simeon: we humbly beseech Thee that by the

minum, et sanitatem corporum et animarum, sive in terra, sive in aquis, per invocationem tui sanctissimi nominis, et per intercessionem beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis, cujus hodie festa devote celebrantur, et per preces omnium sanctorum tuorum, bene✠dicere et sancti✠ficare digneris: et hujus plebis tuæ, quæ illas honorifice in manibus desiderat portare, teque cantando laudare, exaudias voces de cœlo sancto tuo, et de sede majestatis tuæ: et propitius sis omnibus clamantibus ad te, quos redemisti pretioso sanguine Filii tui. Qui tecum vivit et regnat, in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, qui hodierna die Unigenitum tuum, ulnis sancti Simeonis in

invocation of Thy most holy name, and by the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, whose festival we this day devoutly celebrate, and by the prayers of all Thy saints, Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ these candles for the service of men, and for the health of their bodies and souls, whether on land or water; and wouldst hear from Thy holy heaven, and from the Throne of Thy Majesty, the voice of this Thy people, who desire reverently to bear them in their hands, and to praise Thee in song; and wouldst show mercy to all that call upon Thee, whom Thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of Thy Son. Who liveth and reigneth, etc.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, who on this day didst present Thine Only-begotten Son to be re-templo sancto tuo suscipiendum præsentasti: tuam supplices deprecamur clementiam, ut has candelas, quas nos famuli tui, in tui nominis magnificentiam suscipientes, gestare cupimus luce accensas, bene✠dicere et sancti✠ficare, atque lumine supernæ benedictionis accendere digneris; quatenus eas tibi Domino Deo nostro offerendo digni, et sancto igne dulcissimæ caritatis tuæ succensi, in templo sancto gloriæ tuæ repræsentari mereamur. Per eumdem Dominum, etc.

R. Amen.

ceived by the arms of holy Simeon in Thy holy Temple: we humbly beseech Thy loving-kindness, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless, ✠ sanctify, ✠ and kindle with the light of Thy heavenly benediction these candles, which we Thy servants desire to receive and carry lighted in honor of Thy name; to the end that by offering them to Thee, our Lord God, we, being worthy to be inflamed with the holy fire of Thy sweetest charity, may deserve to be presented in the holy temple of Thy glory. Through the same our Lord, etc.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

DOMINE Jesu Christe, lux vera, quæ illuminas omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum: effunde bene✠dictionem tuam super hos cereos, et sancti✠fica eos lumine gratiæ tuæ, et con-

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the true light, that enlightenest every man who cometh into this world: pour forth Thy blessing ✠ upon these candles, and sanctify ✠ them with the light of Thy grace; and

cede propitius, ut sicut hæc luminaria igne visibili accensa nocturnas depellunt tenebras, ita corda nostra invisibili igne, id est, Sancti Spiritus splendore illustrata, omnium vitiorum cæcitate careant: ut, purgato mentis oculo, ea cernere possimus, quæ tibi sunt placita, et nostræ saluti utilia; quatenus post hujus sæculi caliginosa discrimina, ad lucem indeficientem pervenire mereamur. Per te, Christe Jesu, Salvator mundi, qui in Trinitate perfecta vivis et regnas Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

mercifully grant that as these lights, enkindled with visible fire, dispel the darkness of night, so our hearts, illumined by invisible fire, that is, the brightness of the Holy Ghost, may be free from the blindness of every vice; that, the eye of our minds being purified, we may discern those things which are pleasing to Thee and profitable to our salvation; so that, after the darksome perils of this world, we may be found worthy to arrive at the light that never faileth. Through Thee, Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, who in perfect Trinity livest and reignest, etc.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, qui per Moysen famulum tuum, purissimum olei liquorem ad luminaria ante conspectum tuum jugiter concinnanda præparari jussisti: bene✠dictionis tuæ gratiam

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, who by Thy servant Moses didst command the purest oil to be prepared for lamps to burn continually before Thee: graciously pour forth the grace of Thy super hos cereos benignus infunde; quatenus sic administrent lumen exterius, ut, te donante, lumen Spiritus tui nostris non desit mentibus interius. Per Dominum, etc.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

DOMINE Jesu Christe, qui hodierna die in nostræ carnis substantia inter homines apparens, a parentibus in templo es præsentatus; quem Simeon venerabilis senex, lumine Spiritus tui irradiatus, agnovit, suscepit, et benedixit: præsta propitius, ut ejusdem Spiritus Sancti gratia illuminati, atque edocti, te veraciter agnoscamus, et fideliter diligamus. Qui cum Deo Patre in unitate ejusdem Spiritus Sancti, vivis et regnas Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

blessing ✠ upon these candles; that as they afford us external light, so by Thy bounty the light of Thy Spirit may never be inwardly wanting to our minds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who, appearing among men in the substance of our flesh, wast this day presented by Thy parents in the Temple; whom the venerable old man Simeon, illumined by the light of Thy Spirit, recognized, received, and blessed: mercifully grant that, enlightened and taught by the grace of the same Holy Spirit, we may truly acknowledge Thee, and faithfully love Thee. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, livest and reignest God, world without end.

R. Amen.

Here the Priest, having put incense into the censer, sprinkles the candles three times with holy water, saying the Antiphon :

ASPERGES me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor ; lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.	THOU shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed ; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

He then incenses the candles three times, and distributes them, first to the clergy, then to the laity, who receive them kneeling, and kissing the candle and the Priest's hand. During the distribution the choir sings :

LUMEN ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.	LIGHT to enlighten the gentiles, and glory of Thy people Israel.
V. Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, * secundum verbum tuum in pace.	*V.* Now, O Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

Then is repeated the Antiphon Lumen, *as above, and the same after each verse.*

V. Quia viderunt oculi mei * salutare tuum.	*V.* For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation.
R. Lumen, etc.	*R.* Light, etc.
V. Quod parasti * ante faciem omnium populorum.	*V.* Which Thou hast prepared : in sight of all nations.
R. Lumen, etc.	*R.* Light, etc.
V. Gloria Patri, et Filio,* et Spiritui Sancto.	*V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Lumen, etc.	*R.* Light, etc.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, * et in sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*
R. Lumen, etc.	*R.* Light, etc.

Then follows the Antiphon :

EXURGE, Domine, adjuva nos, et libera nos propter nomen tuum.	ARISE, O Lord, help us, and deliver us, for Thy Name's sake.
Deus, auribus nostris audivimus : * patres nostri annuntiaverunt nobis.	We have heard with our ears, O God : our fathers have declared unto us.
V. Gloria Patri, etc.	*V.* Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Antiphon Exurge *is repeated, as above.*

Then the Priest says :

Oremus.	*Let us pray.*

[*If after* Septuagesima, *and not on a Sunday, the Deacon adds :*

Flectamus genua.	Let us kneel.
R. Levate.	*R.* Arise.]

EXAUDI, quæsumus Domine, plebem tuam, et quæ extrinsecus annua tribuis devotione venerari, interius assequi gratiæ tuæ luce concede. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	HEAR Thy people, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and grant us to obtain those things inwardly by the light of Thy grace, which Thou grantest us outwardly to worship by this yearly devotion. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then follows the procession. The Celebrant puts incense into the censer, after which the Deacon, turning towards the people, sings:

V. Procedamus in pace.

V. Let us proceed in peace.

To which the choir answers:

R. In nomine Christi. Amen.

R. In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Thurifer goes before with burning incense; then the Subdeacon vested carrying the Cross between two acolytes with lighted candles: the clergy follow according to their order; and lastly the Celebrant, with the Deacon at his left hand, all bearing lighted candles. They sing the following Antiphons:

ADORNA thalamum tuum, Sion, et suscipe Regem Christum; amplectere Mariam, quæ est cœlestis porta: ipsa enim portat Regem gloriæ novi luminis: subsistit Virgo, adducens manibus filium ante luciferum genitum: quem accipiens Simeon in ulnas suas, prædicavit populis Dominum eum esse vitæ et mortis, et Salvatorem mundi.

ADORN thy chamber, O Sion, and receive Christ the King; in love consider Mary, who is the gate of heaven: for she bears the glorious King of the new light; remaining ever a Virgin, she brings in her hands the Son begotten before the day-star: whom Simeon, receiving into his arms, proclaimed to the people to be the Lord of life and death, and the Saviour of the world.

RESPONSUM accepit Simeon a Spiritu Sancto, non visurum se mortem, nisi videret Chris-

SIMEON received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had tum Domini: et cum inducerent puerum in templum, accepit eum in ulnas suas, et benedixit Deum, et dixit: Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, in pace.

V. Cum inducerent puerum Jesum parentes ejus, ut facerent secundum consuetudinem legis pro eo, ipse accepit eum in ulnas suas.

seen the Christ of the Lord; and when they brought the Child into the Temple, he took Him in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Now, O Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.

V. When His parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him in his arms.

Entering into the church, is sung.

OBTULERUNT pro eo Domino par turturum, aut duos pullos columbarum: * sicut scriptum est in lege Domini.

V. Postquam impleti sunt dies purgationis Mariæ secundum legem Moysi, tulerunt Jesum in Jerusalem, ut sisterent eum Domino.

Sicut scriptum, etc.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut scriptum, etc.

THEY offered for Him to the Lord a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons: * as it is written in the law of the Lord.

V. After the days of the purification of Mary, according to the law of Moses, were past, they carried Jesus to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.

As it is written, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father.

As it is written, etc.

The procession being finished, the clergy put on white vestments for the Mass, and the candles are held lighted during the Gospel, and from the Elevation to the Communion.

THE BLESSING OF THE ASHES.

ON ASH WEDNESDAY.

EXAUDI nos, Domine, quoniam benigna est misericordia tua: secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum respice nos, Domine.

HEAR us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is kind: look upon us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

Salvum me fac Deus; quoniam intraverunt aquæ usque ad animam meam.

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in even unto my soul.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Antiphon Exaudi nos *is repeated. Then the Priest, standing at the Epistle corner of the Altar, says:*

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, parce pœnitentibus, propitiare supplicantibus: et mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de cœlis, qui bene✠dicat et sancti✠ficet hos cineres, ut sint remedium salubre omnibus nomen sanctum tuum humiliter

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, spare those who are penitent, be merciful to those who supplicate Thee, and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ these ashes, that they may be a wholesome remedy to all who

implorantibus ac semetipsos pro conscientia delictorum suorum accusantibus, ante conspectum divinæ clementiæ tuæ facinora sua deplorantibus, vel serenissimam pietatem tuam suppliciter, obnixeque flagitantibus : et præsta per invocationem sanctissimi nominis tui, ut quicumque per eos aspersi fuerint, pro redemptione peccatorum suorum, corporis sanitatem, et animæ tutelam percipiant. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui non mortem, sed pœnitentiam desideras peccatorum : fragilitatem conditionis humanæ benignissime respice, et hos cineres, quos causa proferendæ humilitatis, atque promerendæ veniæ, capitibus nostris imponi decernimus, bene✠dicere pro tua pietate dignare ; ut, qui nos cinerem

humbly implore Thy holy name, and, conscious of their sins, accuse themselves, deploring their crimes before Thy divine mercy, or humbly and earnestly calling upon Thy bountiful loving-kindness ; and grant, through the invocation of Thy most holy name, that all those whosoever shall be sprinkled with these ashes, for the remission of their sins, may receive both health of body and salvation of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who desirest not the death but the repentance of sinners : graciously look down upon the frailty of human nature, and in Thy mercy vouchsafe to bless ✠ these ashes, which we design to place upon our heads in token of our humility, and to obtain forgiveness ; that we, who know that we are

esse, et ob pravitatis nostræ demeritum in pulverem reversuros cognoscimus, peccatorum omnium veniam, et præmia pœnitentibus repromissa, misericorditer consequi mereamur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

but ashes, and for the demerits of our wickedness must return to dust, may deserve to obtain of Thy mercy the pardon of all our sins, and the rewards promised to the penitent. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui humiliatione flecteris, et satisfactione placaris: aurem tuæ pietatis inclina precibus nostris; et capitibus servorum tuorum, horum cinerum aspersione contactis, effunde propitius gratiam tuæ benedictionis: ut eos et spiritu compunctionis repleas, et quæ juste postulaverint, efficaciter tribuas; et concessa perpetuo stabilita, et intacta manere decernas. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art moved by humiliation, and by satisfaction appeased: incline the ear of Thy fatherly love unto our prayers, and mercifully pour forth upon the heads of Thy servants, sprinkled with these ashes, the grace of Thy blessing; that Thou mayest both fill them with the spirit of compunction, and effectually grant those things for which they have justly prayed; and ordain that what Thou hast granted may be established and remain unmoved for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, qui Ninivitis in cinere et cilicio pœnitentibus, indulgentiæ tuæ remedia præstitisti: concede propitius, ut sic eos imitemur habitu, quatenus veniæ prosequamur obtentu. Per Dominum nostrum, etc.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who didst grant the remedy of Thy pardon to the Ninivites doing penance in ashes and sackcloth: mercifully grant that we may so imitate their penance that we may follow them in obtaining forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the ashes thrice with holy water, saying the Antiphon Asperges me, Domine, *p. 112 (without the Psalm following), and incenses them three times.*

The Priest then puts the ashes on the foreheads of the people, saying:

MEMENTO, homo, quia pulvis es, et in pulverem reverteris.

REMEMBER, O man, that dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return.

While the people are receiving the ashes the following Antiphons are sung:

IMMUTEMUR habitu, in cinere et cilicio: jejunemus et ploremus ante Dominum: quia multum misericors est dimittere peccata nostra Deus noster.

LET us change our garments for ashes and sackcloth: let us fast and lament before the Lord: for our God is very merciful to forgive our sins.

INTER vestibulum et altare plorabunt sacerdotes ministri Domini, et dicent, Parce Domine, parce populo tuo: et ne claudas ora canentium te Domine.

R. Emendemus in melius, quæ ignoranter peccavimus; ne subito præoccupati die mortis, quæramus spatium pœnitentiæ, et invenire non possimus.* Attende, Domine, et miserere: quia peccavimus tibi.

V. Adjuva nos, Deus, salutaris noster: et propter honorem nominis tui, Domine, libera nos. Attende, Domine, etc.

V. Gloria Patri, etc. Attende, etc.

BETWEEN the porch and the altar, the priests, the Lord's ministers, shall weep, and shall say: Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people: and shut not the mouths of those who sing to Thee, O Lord.

R. Let us change for the better in those things in which we have sinned through ignorance: lest we be suddenly overtaken by the day of death, and seek space for penance, and find it not: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against Thee.

V. Help us, O God our Saviour: and for the honor of Thy name, O Lord, deliver us. Hear, O Lord, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc. Hear, etc.

When all have received the ashes the Priest says:

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

CONCEDE nobis, Domine, præsidia militiæ christianæ sanctis inchoare jejuniis: ut contra spiritales nequitias pugnaturi, continentiæ muniamur auxiliis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT us, O Lord, to begin our Christian warfare with holy fasts; that, as we are about to fight against the spirits of wickedness, we may be defended by the aids of self-denial. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then follows the Mass.

NOTE.—The offices of HOLY WEEK, being of great length, are not given in this book. They are contained in full in the "HOLY WEEK BOOK," published by the Catholic Publication Society Co.

THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN,

WHEN THEY ARE PRESENTED IN THE CHURCH.

The children being assembled, the boys and the girls in separate ranks, the Priest, turning towards them, says :

ADJUTORIUM nostrum in nomine Domini.	OUR help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

Then is said the Antiphon :

LAUDATE, pueri, Dominum, laudate nomen Domini.	PRAISE the Lord, ye children, praise ye the name of the Lord.

Then Psalm 112, beginning with the second verse :

SIT nomen Domini benedictum, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	BLESSED be the name of the Lord : from this time forth, for evermore.
A solis ortu usque ad occasum * laudabile nomen Domini.	From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same : the name of the Lord is worthy to be praised.
Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, * et super cœlos gloria ejus.	The Lord is high above all nations : and His glory above the heavens.
Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis ha-	Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwell-

bitat, * et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terra?	eth on high: and regardeth the things that are lowly in heaven and on earth?
Suscitans a terra inopem, * et de stercore erigens pauperem;	Who raiseth up the needy from the earth; and lifteth the poor out of the dunghill;
Ut collocet eum cum principibus, * cum principibus populi sui.	That He may set him with the princes: even with the princes of His people.
Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo * matrem filiorum lætantem.	Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house: the joyful mother of children.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Antiphon *is repeated:*

LAUDATE, pueri, Dominum, laudate nomen Domini.	PRAISE the Lord, ye children, praise ye the name of the Lord.

The Priest then says:

V. Sinite parvulos venire ad me.	*V.* Suffer the little children to come to Me.
R. Talium est enim regnum cœlorum.	*R.* For of such is the kingdom of heaven.
V. Angeli eorum	*V.* Their Angels
R. Semper vident faciem Patris.	*R.* Always behold the face of the Father.
V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in eis.	*V.* Let not the enemy prevail against them.

R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere eis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

DOMINE Jesu Christe, qui parvulos tibi oblatos et ad te venientes complexus es, manusque super illos imponens benedixisti eis, atque dixisti: Sinite parvulos venire ad me, et nolite prohibere eos, talium est enim regnum cœlorum, et Angeli eorum semper vident faciem Patris mei: respice, quæsumus, ad puerorum præsentium innocentiam, et ad eorum parentum devotionem, et clementer eos hodie per ministerium nostrum bene✠dic; ut in tua gratia et misericordia semper proficiant, te sapiant,

R. Nor the son of iniquity draw nigh to hurt them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst embrace little children who were brought unto Thee, and didst lay Thy hands upon them and bless them, saying: *Suffer the little children to come to Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven*, and *Their Angels always behold the face of My Father:* look down, we beseech Thee, upon the innocence of these little ones here present, and upon the devotion of their parents, and graciously bless ✠ them this day by our ministry; that in

te diligant, te timeant, et mandata tua custodiant, et ad finem optatum feliciter perveniant, per te Salvator mundi. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Thy grace and mercy they may ever grow in the knowledge, love, and fear of Thee, and in the keeping of Thy Commandments, and may happily attain unto their wished-for end. Through Thee, O Saviour of the world, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, etc. *R.* Amen.

Oremus.

DEFENDE, quæsumus, Domine, beata Maria semper Virgine intercedente, istam ab omni adversitate familiam; et toto corde tibi prostratam ab hostium propitius tuere clementer insidiis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

DEFEND, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, this Thy family from all adversity; and as in all humility they prostrate themselves before Thee, do Thou graciously protect them against all the snares of their enemies. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui ineffabili providentia sanctos Angelos tuos ad nostram

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, in Thine unspeakable Providence, art pleased to send custodiam mittere digneris: largire supplicibus tuis, et eorum semper protectione defendi, et æterna societate gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Thy holy Angels to watch over us: mercifully grant unto Thy humble servants, both that we be always defended by their protection here, and rejoice for ever in their company hereafter. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest blesses the children in the form of a Cross, saying:

BENEDICAT vos Deus, et custodiat corda vestra et intelligentias vestras Pater, ✠ et Filius, et Spiritus sanctus.

R. Amen.

MAY God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless ✠ you, and keep your hearts and your minds.

R. Amen.

He then sprinkles them with holy water in the form of a Cross.

The Seven Penitential Psalms.*(1)

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take Thou revenge of our sins.

1. Psalm 6.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger: nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

My soul also is troubled exceedingly: but Thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is no one that is mindful of Thee: and who will give Thee thanks in hell?

I have labored in my groanings, every night will I wash my bed: and water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amongst all mine enemies.

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* It is a pious custom to recite the seven Penitential Psalms, respectively, by way of prayer against the seven deadly sins.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be put to shame, and be sore troubled: let them be turned back, and put to shame very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

2. Psalm 31.

BLESSED are they whose iniquities are forgiven: and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew old: whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin unto Thee: and mine iniquity I have not concealed.

I said, I will confess against myself mine iniquity unto the Lord: and Thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to Thee: in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters: they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way, in which thou shalt go : I will fix Mine eyes upon thee.

Be not as the horse and the mule : that have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws : who come not near unto Thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner : but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye just : and be joyful, all ye that are right of heart.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

3. Psalm 37.

REBUKE me not, O Lord, in Thine indignation ; neither chasten me in Thy sore displeasure.

For Thine arrows are fastened in me ; and Thy hand presseth heavily upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy wrath : there is no rest for my bones, because of my sins.

For mine iniquities are gone over my head : and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me.

My sores have rotted and are corrupt : because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am greatly bowed down : I went about sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions : and there is no soundness in my flesh.

I am afflicted, and humbled exceedingly : I have roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before Thee : and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath forsaken me: and the light of mine eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near: and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off: and they that sought after my soul used violence.

They that sought my hurt spoke vain things: and thought upon deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and I was as a dumb man that doth not open his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: Thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said, Lest at any time mine enemies rejoice over me: and whilst my feet slip, they glory over me.

For I am ready for scourges: and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity: and I will be thoughtful of my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good have slandered me: because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not Thou depart from me.

Give heed unto my help, O Lord: Thou God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

4. Psalm 50.

MISERERE mei, Deus, * secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum * dele iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea, * et a peccato meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco, * et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci, * ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum, * et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti : * incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God : according to Thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies : blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my iniquity : and my sin is always before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight : that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities : and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth : the secret and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest unto me.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor : * lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.	Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.
Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiam, * et exultabunt ossa humiliata.	Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : and the bones that were humbled shall rejoice.
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis, * et omnes iniquitates meas dele.	Turn away Thy face from my sins : and blot out all my iniquities.
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus, * et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.	Create in me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.
Ne projicias me a facie tua, * et Spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.	Cast me not away from Thy face : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Redde mihi lætitiam salutaris tui, * et spiritu principali confirma me.	Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation : and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.
Docebo iniquos vias tuas, * et impii ad te convertentur.	I will teach the unjust Thy ways : and the wicked shall be converted unto Thee.
Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ : * et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.	Deliver me from sins of blood, O God, Thou God of my salvation : and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.
Domine, labia mea ape-	Thou shalt open my lips,

ries, * et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique * holocaustis non delectaberis.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus : * cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies.

Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion, * ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, oblationes, et holocausta : * tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

Gloria Patri, etc.

O Lord: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would surely have given it : with burnt-offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice unto God is a troubled spirit : a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion : that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings : then shall they lay calves upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

5. Psalm 101.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my cry come unto Thee.

Turn not away Thy face from me : in the day when I am in trouble, incline Thine ear unto me.

In what day soever I shall call upon Thee : O hearken unto me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke : and my bones are dried up like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: for I have forgotten to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning: my bones have cleaved unto my flesh.

I am become like a pelican in the wilderness: and like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become like a sparrow: that sitteth alone on the house-top.

Mine enemies reviled me all the day long: and they that praised me have sworn together against me.

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread: and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of Thine indignation and wrath: for Thou hast lifted me up and cast me down.

My days have gone down like a shadow: and I am withered like the grass.

But Thou, O Lord, endurest for ever: and Thy memorial unto all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her; yea, the time is come.

For Thy servants have delighted in her stones: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory.

He hath had regard unto the prayer of the lowly: and hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written for another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord;

For he hath looked down from His high and holy place: out of heaven hath the Lord looked upon the earth;

That He might hear the groaning of them that are in fetters: that He might deliver the children of the slain;

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion: and His praise in Jerusalem,

When the people assembled together: and the kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are unto generation and generation.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou endurest: and they all shall grow old as a garment.

And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall be directed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

6. Psalm 129.

DE profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: * Domine, exaudi vocem meam.	OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
Fiant aures tuæ inten-	O let Thine ears con-

dentes * in vocem deprecationis meæ.	sider well : The voice of my supplication.
Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine ; * Domine, quis sustinebit ?	If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities : Lord, who shall abide it ?
Quia apud te propitiatio est, * et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.	For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness : and because of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.
Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus : * speravit anima mea in Domino.	My soul hath waited on His word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.
A custodia matutina usque ad noctem, * speret Israel in Domino.	From the morning watch even until night : let Israel hope in the Lord.
Quia apud Dominum misericordia, * et copiosa apud eum redemptio.	For with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.
Et ipse redimet Israel * ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.	And he shall redeem Israel : from all his iniquities.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

7. Psalm 142.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord: give ear to my supplication in Thy truth : hearken unto me for Thy justice' sake.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant : for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul : he hath brought my life down unto the ground.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness as those that have been long dead: and my spirit is vexed within me; my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all Thy works : I have mused upon the works of Thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands unto Thee : my soul gaspeth unto Thee, as a land where no water is.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away Thy face from me: lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Make me to hear Thy mercy in the morning: for in Thee have I hoped.

Make me to know the way wherein I should walk: for to Thee have I lifted up my soul.

Deliver me from mine enemies, O Lord, unto Thee have I fled: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land: for Thy name's sake, O Lord, Thou shalt quicken me in Thy justice.

Thou shalt bring my soul out of trouble: and in Thy mercy Thou shalt destroy mine enemies.

And Thou shalt destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am Thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take Thou revenge of our sins.

The Litany of the Saints.

KYRIE eleison.	LORD, have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy on us.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe audi nos.	Christ, hear us.
Christe exaudi nos.	*Christ, graciously hear us.*
Pater de cœlis Deus,	God the Father of heaven,
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus,	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Spiritus Sancte Deus,	God the Holy Ghost,
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus,	Holy Trinity, one God,
Miserere nobis.	*Have mercy, etc.*

Sancta Maria,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary,	*Pray for us.*
Sancta Dei Genitrix,		Holy Mother of God,	
Sancta Virgo virginum,		Holy Virgin of virgins,	
Sancte Michael,		St. Michael,	
Sancte Gabriel,		St. Gabriel,	
Sancte Raphael,		St. Raphael,	
Omnes sancti Angeli et Archangeli, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Angels and Archangels,	
Omnes sancti beatorum Spirituum ordines, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,	
Sancte Joannes Baptista, *Ora, etc.*		St. John the Baptist,	
Sancte Joseph, *Ora, etc.*		St. Joseph,	
Omnes sancti Patriarchæ et Prophetæ, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,	
Sancte Petre,	*Ora pro nobis.*	St. Peter,	
Sancte Paule,		St. Paul,	
Sancte Andrea,		St. Andrew,	
Sancte Jacobe,		St. James,	
Sancte Joannes,		St. John,	
Sancte Thoma,		St. Thomas,	
Sancte Jacobe,		St. James,	
Sancte Philippe,		St. Philip,	
Sancte Bartholomæe,		St. Bartholomew,	
Sancte Matthæe,		St. Matthew,	
Sancte Simon,		St. Simon,	
Sancte Thaddæe,		St. Thaddeus,	
Sancte Mathia,		St. Matthias,	
Sancte Barnaba,		St. Barnabas,	
Sancte Luca,		St. Luke,	
Sancte Marce,		St. Mark,	

Omnes sancti Apostoli et Evangelistæ, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,	
Omnes sancti Discipuli Domini, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,	
Omnes sancti Innocentes, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Innocents,	
Sancte Stephane, *Ora, etc.*		St. Stephen,	
Sancte Laurenti, *Ora, etc.*		St. Lawrence,	
Sancte Vincenti, *Ora, etc.*		St. Vincent,	
Sancti Fabiane et Sebastiane, *Orate, etc.*		SS. Fabian and Sebastian,	
Sancti Joannes et Paule, *Orate, etc.*		SS. John and Paul,	
Sancti Cosma et Damiane, *Orate, etc.*		SS. Cosmas and Damian,	
Sancti Gervasi et Protasi, *Orate, etc.*		SS. Gervase and Protase,	*Pray for us.*
Omnes sancti Martyres, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Martyrs,	
Sancte Sylvester,		St. Sylvester,	
Sancte Gregori,		St. Gregory,	
Sancte Ambrosi,		St. Ambrose,	
Sancte Augustine,	*Ora pro nobis.*	St. Augustine,	
Sancte Hieronyme,		St. Jerome,	
Sancte Martine,		St. Martin,	
Sancte Nicolae,		St. Nicholas,	
Omnes sancti Pontifices et Confessores, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,	
Omnes sancti Doctores, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Doctors,	
Sancte Antoni,		St. Anthony,	
Sancte Benedicte,	*Ora, etc.*	St. Benedict,	
Sancte Bernarde,		St. Bernard,	

Sancte Dominice, *Ora, etc.*		St. Dominic,	*Pray for us.*
Sancte Francisce, *Ora, etc.*		St. Francis,	
Omnes sancti Sacerdotes et Levitæ, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Priests and Levites,	
Omnes sancti Monachi et Eremitæ, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Monks and Hermits,	
Sancta Maria Magdalena,	*Ora pro nobis*	St. Mary Magdalen,	
Sancta Agatha,		St. Agatha,	
Sancta Lucia,		St. Lucy,	
Sancta Agnes,		St. Agnes,	
Sancta Cæcilia,		St. Cecilia,	
Sancta Catharina,		St. Catherine,	
Sancta Anastasia,		St. Anastasia,	
Omnes sanctæ Virgines et Viduæ, *Orate, etc.*		All ye holy Virgins and Widows,	
Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ Dei,		All ye holy Saints of God,	
Intercedite pro nobis.		*Make intercession for us.*	
Propitius esto,		Be merciful,	
Parce nobis, Domine.		*Spare us, O Lord.*	
Propitius esto,		Be merciful,	
Exaudi nos, Domine.		*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*	
Ab omni malo,	*Libera nos, Domine.*	From all evil,	*O Lord, deliver us.*
Ab omni peccato,		From all sin,	
Ab ira tua,*		From Thy wrath,*	

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* Here, for the Devotion of the Forty Hours, is inserted :

Ab imminentibus periculis,	From dangers that threaten us,
A flagello terræmotus,	From the scourge of earthquakes,
A peste, fame, et bello,	From plague, famine, and war,

A subitanea et improvisa morte,	Libera nos, Domine	From sudden and unlooked-for death,	O Lord, deliver us.
Ab insidiis diaboli,		From the snares of the devil,	
Ab ira, et odio, et omni mala voluntate,		From anger, and hatred, and every evil will,	
A spiritu fornicationis,		From the spirit of fornication,	
A fulgure et tempestate,		From lightning and tempest,	
A morte perpetua,		From everlasting death,	
Per mysterium sanctæ Incarnationis tuæ,		Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,	
Per Adventum tuum,		Through Thy Coming,	
Per Nativitatem tuam,		Through Thy Birth,	
Per Baptismum et sanctum Jejunium tuum,		Through Thy Baptism and holy Fasting,	
Per Crucem et Passionem tuam,		Through Thy Cross and Passion,	
Per Mortem et Sepulturam tuam,		Through Thy Death and Burial,	
Per sanctam Resurrectionem tuam,		Through Thy holy Resurrection,	
Per admirabilem Ascensionem tuam,		Through Thine admirable Ascension,	
Per adventum Spiritus Sancti Paracliti,		Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete,	

In die judicii,		In the day of judgment,	
Libera nos, Domine.		*O Lord, deliver us.*	
Peccatores,		We sinners,	
Te rogamus audi nos.		*Beseech Thee, hear us.*	
Ut nobis parcas,	*Te rogamus audi nos.*	That Thou wouldst spare us,	*We beseech Thee, hear us.*
Ut nobis indulgeas,		That Thou wouldst pardon us,	
Ut ad veram pœnitentiam nos perducere digneris,		That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,	
Ut Ecclesiam tuam sanctam regere et conservare digneris,		That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church,	
Ut Domnum Apostolicum, et omnes ecclesiasticos ordines in sancta religione conservare digneris,*		That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate and all orders of the Church in holy religion,*	
Ut inimicos sanctæ Ecclesiæ humiliare digneris,		That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of holy Church,	
Ut regibus et principibus Christianis		That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give	

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* For the Devotion of the Forty Hours, insert :

Ut Turcarum, et hæreticorum conatus reprimere et ad nihilum redigere digneris,	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to check and bring to naught the attempts of all Turks and heretics.

pacem et veram concordiam donare digneris,	*Te rogamus audi nos.*	peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,	*We beseech Thee, hear us.*
Ut cuncto populo Christiano pacem et unitatem largiri digneris,		That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to the whole Christian world,	
Ut nosmetipsos in tuo sancto servitio confortare et conservare digneris,		That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,	
Ut mentes nostras ad cœlestia desideria erigas,		That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,	
Ut omnibus benefactoribus nostris sempiterna bona retribuas,		That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,	
Ut animas nostras, fratrum, propinquorum, et benefactorum nostrorum ab æterna damnatione eripias,		That thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,	
Ut fructus terræ dare et conservare digneris,		That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,	
Ut omnibus fidelibus defunctis requiem		That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant	

æternam donare digneris,	*Te rogamus, etc.*	eternal rest to all the faithful departed,	*We beseech Thee, etc.*
Ut nos exaudire digneris,		That thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,	
Fili Dei,		Son of God,	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,	
Parce nobis, Domine.		*Spare us, O Lord.*	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,	
Exaudi nos, Domine.		*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,	
Miserere nobis.		*Have mercy on us.*	
Christe audi nos.		Christ hear us.	
Christe exaudi nos.		*Christ graciously hear us.*	
Kyrie eleison.		Lord have mercy on us.	
Christe eleison.		*Christ have mercy on us.*	
Kyrie eleison.		Lord have mercy on us.	
Pater noster (*secreto*).		Our Father (*inaudibly*).	
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.		*V.* And lead us not into temptation.	
R. Sed libera nos a malo.		*R.* But deliver us from evil.	

Psalm 69.

DEUS in adjutorium meum intende: * Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Confundantur et revereantur, * qui quærunt animam meam:

Avertantur retrorsum, et erubescant, * qui volunt mihi mala.

Avertantur statim erubescentes, qui dicunt mihi: * Euge, euge.

Exultent et lætentur in te omnes qui quærunt te: * et dicant semper, Magnificetur Dominus, qui diligunt salutare tuum.

Ego vero egenus et pauper sum: * Deus, adjuva me.

Adjutor meus et liberator meus es tu: * Domine, ne moreris.

Gloria Patri, etc.

V. Salvos fac servos tuos.

R. Deus meus, sperantes in te.

COME unto my help, O God: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and put to confusion that seek after my soul:

Let them be turned backward and blush for shame: that wish me evil.

Let them be presently turned away blushing for shame: that say to me, Aha, aha.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice, and be glad in Thee: and let such as love Thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy: help me, O God.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Save Thy servants.

R. O my God, who put their trust in Thee.

V. Esto nobis, Domine, turris fortitudinis.	*V.* Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.
R. A facie inimici.	*R.* From the face of the enemy.
V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in nobis.	*V.* Let not the enemy prevail against us.
R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere nobis.	*R.* Nor the son of iniquity draw nigh to hurt us.
V. Domine, non secundum peccata nostra facias nobis.	*V.* O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
R. Neque secundum iniquitates nostras retribuas nobis.	*R.* Neither reward us according to our iniquities.
V. Oremus pro Pontifice nostro, N.	*V.* Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff, N.
R. Dominus conservet eum, et vivificet eum, et beatum faciat eum in terra ; et non tradat eum in animam inimicorum ejus.	*R.* The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth ; and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.
V. Oremus pro benefactoribus nostris.	*V.* Let us pray for our benefactors.
R. Retribuere dignare, Domine, omnibus nobis bona facientibus propter nomen tuum vitam æternam. *Amen.*	*R.* Vouchsafe, O Lord, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good, for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*
V. Oremus pro fidelibus defunctis.	*V.* Let us pray for the faithful departed.
R. Requiem æternam	*R.* Eternal rest grant

dona eis, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat eis.	unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. Requiescant in pace.	*V.* May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
V. Pro fratribus nostris absentibus.	*V.* For our absent brethren.
R. Salvos fac servos tuos, Deus meus, sperantes in te.	*R.* Save thy servants, O my God, who put their trust in Thee.
V. Mitte eis, Domine, auxilium de sancto.	*V.* Send them help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.
R. Et de Sion tuere eos.	*R.* And defend them out of Sion.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
*Oremus.**	*Let us pray.**
DEUS, cui proprium est misereri semper, et parcere: suscipe depreca-	O GOD, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare: gra-

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* *For the Devotion of the Forty Hours the following Collects are said.* Deus qui nobis, *p. 223.*

From Advent to Christmas, Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ, *p. 665*

From Christmas to the Purification, Deus, qui salutis æternæ, *p. 194.*

From the Purification to Advent, Concede nos, *p. 194.*

Then follows the Collect for the Pope, as on p. 268, after which is said. Deus, refugium nostrum, *p. 752, and this prayer.*

tionem nostram, ut nos, et omnes famulos tuos, quos delictorum catena constringit, miseratio tuæ pietatis clementer absolvat.

Exaudi, quæsumus Domine, supplicum preces, et confitentium tibi parce peccatis ; ut pariter nobis indulgentiam tribuas benignus et pacem.

Ineffabilem nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam clementer ostende : ut simul nos et a peccatis om-

ciously receive our supplication ; that we, and all Thy servants whom the chain of sin doth bind, may, by the compassion of Thy loving kindness, be mercifully absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy humble servants, and forgive the sins of those who confess to Thee ; that, in Thy bounty, Thou mayest grant us both pardon and peace.

Show forth upon us, O Lord, in Thy mercy, Thine unspeakable pity ; that Thou mayest both loose us

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Omnipotens, sempiterne Deus, in cujus manu sunt omnium potestates, et omnium jura regnorum, respice in auxilium Christianorum, ut gentes paganorum et hæreticorum, quæ in sua feritate et fraude confidunt, dexteræ tuæ potentia conterantur.

Almighty, Everlasting God, in whose hand are all the powers and all the rights of kingdoms, come to the assistance of Thy Christian people, that all pagan and heretical nations, who trust in their own violence and fraud, may be crushed by the might of Thy right hand.

Then follows the last Collect, Omnipotens, sempiterne Deus, *as on p. 269, with the Versicles, except that, in the last response but one, instead of the simple* Amen, *is said :*

R. Et custodiat nos semper. *Amen.*

R. And preserve us always. *Amen.*

nibus exuas, et a pœnis, quas pro his meremur, eripias.

from all our sins, and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for the same.

Deus, qui culpa offenderis, pœnitentia placaris: preces populi tui supplicantis propitius respice; et flagella tuæ iracundiæ, quæ pro peccatis nostris meremur, averte.

O God, who by sin art offended, and by penance appeased: look graciously down upon the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thy wrath, which for our sins we deserve.

Omnipotens, sempiterne Deus, miserere famulo tuo Pontifici nostro N., et dirige eum secundum tuam clementiam in viam salutis æternæ; ut te donante tibi placita cupiat, et tota virtute perficiat.

Almighty, Everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant N., our Sovereign Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy mercy, in the way of everlasting salvation; that by Thy gift he may desire such things as please Thee, and may fulfil them with all his strength.

Deus, a quo sancta desideria, recta consilia, et justa sunt opera: da servis tuis illam, quam mundus dare non potest, pacem; ut et corda nostra mandatis tuis dedita, et hostium sublata formidine, tempora

O God, from whom are holy desires, right counsels, and just works: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts being given to the keeping of Thy commandments, and the fear of ene-

sint tua protectione tranquilla.	mies being removed, our days, by Thy protection, may be peaceful.
Ure igne Sancti Spiritus renes nostros et cor nostrum, Domine ; ut tibi casto corpore serviamus, et mundo corde placeamus.	Inflame, O Lord, our reins and our hearts with the fire of the Holy Ghost ; that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a pure mind.
Fidelium Deus omnium Conditor et Redemptor, animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum ; ut indulgentiam, quam semper optaverunt, piis supplicationibus consequantur.	O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy servants and handmaids remission of all their sins ; that through our pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.
Actiones nostras, quæsumus Domine, aspirando præveni, et adjuvando prosequere : ut cuncta nostra oratio et operatio a te semper incipiat, et per te cœpta finiatur.	Direct, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy inspiration, and further them with Thy continual help ; that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from Thee, and through Thee be brought to an end.
Omnipotens, sempiterne Deus, qui vivorum dominaris simul et mortuorum, omniumque misereris, quos tuos fide et opere futuros	Almighty, Everlasting God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and showest mercy unto all whom Thou fore-

esse prænoscis : te supplices exoramus, ut pro quibus effundere preces decrevimus, quosque vel præsens sæculum adhuc in carne retinet, vel futurum jam exutos corpore suscepit, intercedentibus omnibus Sanctis tuis, pietatis tuæ clementia omnium delictorum suorum veniam consequantur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, etc.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Exaudiat nos omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.*

V. Et fidelium animæ per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

knowest will be Thine by faith and works : we humbly beseech Thee that they for whom we have resolved to pour forth our prayers, whether this present world still detain them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them stripped of their bodies, may, by the grace of Thy fatherly love, and through the intercession of all the Saints, obtain the remission of all their sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. May the Almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.*

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

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* See note, p 267.

Instructions and Devotions for Confession.

ON THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

PENANCE is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ, in which, by the ministry of the Priest, actual sins are forgiven, and the conscience is released from the bonds by which it may be bound. In this Sacrament, also, the eternal punishment due to sin is remitted, and a part or the whole of the temporal punishment, according to the disposition of the penitent.

This holy and salutary institution is grounded on the words of Jesus Christ: *Truly I say to you, whatever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound also in heaven; and whatever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven* (Matt. xviii. 18), and, *As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins ye shall retain, they are retained* (John xx. 21, etc.) In these words Jesus Christ gave to His Apostles, and to their lawful successors, power and authority to absolve from all sin those who sincerely repent of their offences.

Hence we see the great necessity of this Sacrament; and the Council of Trent has decreed that it is not less necessary for salvation to those who have fallen into mortal sin after Baptism, than Baptism to those who have never been baptized. And although Penance may, at first sight, and in itself, seem to be a bitter and painful thing, yet, viewed in its fruits and consequences, it is full of consolation; and every Christian, as soon as he is conscious that he has fallen into a mortal sin, ought *at once* to have recourse to this fount of divine mercy.

The evil consequences of delay are manifold. 1. In a state of mortal sin, every other mortal sin committed renders our hearts still more hardened. 2. The commission of one mortal sin makes a second easier, and this leads to a third, and so on. 3. In a state of mortal sin we lose the value of all the good works that we may do. They avail nothing for everlasting life. Neither alms, nor prayers, nor fasts, nor even martyrdom itself, can profit us if we have not repented of our sins. 4. Sin, continued in, shuts by degrees the door of divine mercy, until at last scarce any hope is left of obtaining pardon from God. Lastly, just as the longer a stain remains upon a garment the more difficult it is to remove, so the longer the soul neglects to purify itself by Confession the more difficult the work becomes, and the more intricate, on account of the number of sins and anxiety of mind, until at last even an experienced Confessor may be unable to extricate the soul from its miserable state.

A PRAYER

To implore the Divine Assistance in order to make a good Confession.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast made me out of nothing, and redeemed me by the Precious Blood of Thine Only Son; who hast with so much patience borne with me to this day, notwithstanding all my sins and ingratitude; ever calling after me to return to Thee from the ways of vanity and iniquity, in which I have been quite wearied out in the pursuit of empty toys and mere shadows; seeking in vain to satisfy my thirst in unclean waters, and my hunger with husks of swine : behold, O most gracious Lord, I now sincerely desire to leave all these my evil ways, to forsake the region of death where I have so long lost myself, and to return to Thee, the Fountain of Life. I desire, like the prodigal son, to enter seriously into myself, and with the like resolution to arise without delay, and to go home to my Father—though I am infinitely unworthy to be called His child—in hopes of meeting with the like reception from His most tender mercy. But, O my God, though I can go astray from Thee of myself, yet I cannot make one step towards returning to Thee, unless Thy divine grace move and assist me. This grace, therefore, I most humbly implore, prostrate in spirit before the throne of Thy mercy ; I beg it for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who died upon the Cross for my sins ; I know that Thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he may be converted and live ; I know Thy mercies are above all Thy works ; and I most confidently hope that as in Thy mercy Thou hast spared me so long, and hast now given me this desire of returning to Thee, so Thou wilt finish the work which Thou hast begun, and bring me to a perfect reconciliation with Thee.

I desire now to comply with Thy holy institution of the Sacrament of Penance ; I desire to confess my sins with all sincerity to Thee and to Thy minister ; and therefore I desire to know myself, and to call myself to an account by a diligent examination of my conscience. But, O my God, how miserably shall I deceive myself if Thou assist me not in this great work by Thy heavenly light. O then remove every veil that hides any of my sins from me, that I may see them all in their true colors, and may sincerely detest them. O let me no longer be imposed upon by the Enemy of souls, or by my own self-love, so as to mistake vice for virtue, to hide myself from myself, or in any way to *make excuses in sins.*

But, O my good God, what will it avail me to know my sins, if Thou dost not also give me a hearty sorrow and repentance for them? Without this my sins will be all upon me still, and I shall be still Thine enemy and a child of hell. Thou dost require that contrite heart, without which there can be no reconciliation with Thee; and this heart none but Thyself can give. O then, dear Lord, grant it unto me at this time. Give me a lively faith, and a steadfast hope, in the Passion of my Redeemer; teach me to fear Thee and to love Thee. Give me, for Thy mercy's sake, a hearty sorrow for having offended so good a God. Teach me to detest my evil ways; to abhor all my past ingratitude; to hate myself now with a perfect hatred for my many treasons against Thee. O give me a full and a firm resolution to lead henceforward a new life; and unite me unto Thee with an eternal band of love which nothing in life or death may ever break.

Grant me also the grace to make an entire and sincere confession of all my sins, and to accept the confusion of it as a penance justly due to my transgressions. Let not the Enemy prevail upon me to pass over anything through fear or shame; rather let me die than consent to so great an evil. Let no self-love deceive me, as I fear it has done too often. O grant that this confession may be good; and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who died for me and for all sinners, assist me in every part of my preparation for it; that I may perform it with the same care and diligence as I should be glad to do at the hour of my death; that so, being perfectly reconciled to Thee, I may never offend Thee more. *Amen.*

PRAYERS BEFORE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

O ALMIGHTY God, Maker of heaven and earth, King of kings, and Lord of lords, who hast made me out of nothing in Thine image and likeness, and hast redeemed me with Thine own Blood; whom I a sinner am not worthy to name, or call upon, or think of: I humbly pray Thee, I earnestly beseech Thee, to look mercifully on me, Thy wicked servant. Thou who hadst mercy on the woman of Chanaan and Mary Magdalen; Thou who didst spare the publican and the thief upon the cross, have mercy upon me. Thou art my hope and my trust; my guide and my succor; my comfort and my strength; my defence and my deliverance; my life, my health, and my resurrection; my light and my longing; my help and my protection. I pray and entreat Thee, help me and I shall be safe; direct me and defend me; strengthen me and comfort me; confirm me and gladden me; enlighten me and come unto me. Raise me from the dead; I am Thy creature, and the work of Thy hands. Despise me not, O Lord, neither regard my iniquities; but according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies have mercy upon me, the chief of sinners, and be gracious unto me. Turn Thou unto me, O Lord, and be not angry with me. I implore Thee, most compassionate Father, I pray Thee meekly of Thy great mercy, to bring me to a holy death, and to true penance, to a perfect confession, and to worthy satisfaction for all my sins. *Amen.*

O LORD God, who enlightenest every man who cometh into this world, enlighten my heart, I pray Thee, with the light of Thy grace, that I may fully know my sins, shortcomings, and negligences, and may confess them with that true sorrow and contrition of heart which I so much need. I desire to make full amends for all my sins, and to avoid them for the future to Thy honor and glory, and to the salvation of my soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I BELIEVE in Thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, my Creator, my Redeemer, and my Sanctifier; I believe that Thou art all-holy, just, and merciful. I believe that Thou art willing to pardon and to save me, if I repent and forsake my sins.

O my God, strengthen and increase my faith, and grant me the grace of a true repentance, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

I HOPE in Thee, O my God, because Thou art Almighty, faithful, and long-suffering. I humbly trust that Thou wilt pardon my sins for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for me upon the Cross; and that Thou wilt cleanse my sinful soul in His precious Blood, and make me holy, and bring me safe to everlasting life.

O Lord, in Thee have I hoped, let me never be confounded. *Amen.*

I LOVE Thee, O my God, above all things, because Thou hast been so good, so patient, so loving to me, notwithstanding all the sins by which I have so grievously offended Thee. I love Thee, O Blessed Jesus, my Saviour, because Thou didst suffer so much for love of me, an ungrateful sinner, and didst die on the Cross for my salvation.

O make me love Thee more and more, and show my love to Thee by faithfully keeping Thy Commandments all the days of my life. *Amen.*

O MARY Immaculate, Mother of Fair Love: obtain for me that love of God, which is so necessary for true contrition. *Amen.*

CONSIDERATIONS TO EXCITE CONTRITION.

1. Place before yourself, as distinctly as you can, the sins which have come to your remembrance, and their circumstances.

2. Consider WHO GOD IS, *against whom you have sinned, how great, how good, how gracious to you; that He made you, that He gave His Only Son to die for you, that He made you His child in Baptism, that He has loaded you with blessings and prepared heaven for you. Consider how patient He has been with you—how long-suffering in calling you and moving you to repent: Say,* O most Loving God, O infinite Goodness, I repent of having offended Thee; behold me at Thy feet. O my Father, my Creator, my Benefactor, grant me the grace of a true repentance, and the blessing of a free pardon, for Thy dear Son's sake.

3. Consider the infinite wickedness of sin: Say, O my Saviour, I behold Thee on the Cross, torn and wounded, Thy sacred Body streaming with Blood; this is the work of my sin. In Thy Wounds, O my Saviour, I read the greatness of the guilt and malice of my sins. By the greatness of Thy pains and sorrows, O my loving Redeemer, I measure the hatefulness of my offences.

4. Consider the consequences of one mortal sin: that you might justly be now banished from God's presence for ever for one single unrepented, deadly sin; how many have you not committed! Say, O my God, how much do I owe Thee for not cutting me off in the midst of my sins. Before I fell into sin, heaven was my home, my inheritance, my country, my blessed resting-place; by sin I have given up my title to the glory of the Blessed. For the sake of sin I have lost the love of Jesus, the sight of Mary, the communion with the Blessed Saints and with the Angels. O my God, would that I had never offended Thee, would that I had never consented to sin. In pity behold me now at Thy feet.

full of sorrow and compunction. I hate sin, which is accursed of Thee; I renounce all that would draw me away from Thee; I most bitterly repent my sin and folly, which would have deprived me for ever of heaven if Thou hadst not mercifully brought me to repentance I grieve that I have sinned against Thee, O my God, who art all-good, all-bountiful, all-worthy of love. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us sinners, who have recourse to thee.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

FIRST COMMANDMENT.

(*For the* Ten Commandments, *the* Six Precepts of the Church, *and the* Seven Capital Sins *in full, see pp. 20, 21, and 23.*)

Sins against this Commandment are:

1. Those which detract from the honor and worship due to God; such as: Neglect of Prayer—Superstitious practices—Divination—Consulting fortune-tellers—Attaching undue importance to dreams, omens—Tempting God by exposing one's self to danger of soul, life, or health, without grave cause—Sacrilege—Profane or superstitious use of blessed objects—Profanation of places or things consecrated to God—Receiving the Holy Sacraments in a state of mortal sin.

2. Those against Faith; such as: Wilful doubt of any article of Faith—Reading or circulating books or writings against Catholic belief or practice—Joining in schismatical or heretical worship—Denying one's religion—Neglecting means of religious instruction.

3. Those against Hope; such as: Despair of God's mercy, or want of confidence in the power of His Grace to support us in trouble or temptation - Murmuring against God's providence—Presuming on God's mercy, or on the supposed efficacy of certain pious practices, in order to continue in sin.

4. Those against Charity; such as: Wilfully rebellious thoughts against God—Boasting of sin—Violating God's law, or omitting good works, through human respect.

SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Sins against this Commandment are:

All irreverence towards God's most Holy Name; such as: Cursing and profane swearing--False, unlawful, and unnecessary oaths—Membership in societies condemned by the Church—Breaking or deferring lawful vows—Irreverence in Divine Service, and in churches and holy places even when service is not going on.

THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Sins against this Commandment are :

Neglect to hear Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation—Working or making others work without necessity on such days.

FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Sins against this Commandment are :

For Children : All manner of anger or hatred against parents and other lawful superiors—Provoking them to anger—Grieving them—Insulting them—Neglecting them in their necessity—Contempt or disobedience of their lawful commands.

For Parents : Hating their children—Cursing them—Giving scandal to them by cursing, drinking, etc.—Allowing them to grow up in ignorance, idleness, or sin—Showing habitual partiality, without cause—Deferring their children's Baptism—Neglecting to watch over their bodily health, their religious instruction, the company they keep, the books they read, etc —Failing to correct them when needful—Being harsh or cruel in correction —Sending children to Protestant and other dangerous schools.

For Husbands and Wives : Ill-usage—Putting obstacles to the fulfilment of religious duties—Want of gentleness and consideration in regard to each other's faults—Unreasonable jealousy—Neglect of household duties—Sulkiness—Injurious words.

For Employers : Not allowing one's domestics reasonable time for religious duties and instruction—Giving bad example to them, or allowing others to do so—Withholding their lawful wages—Not caring for them in sickness—Dismissing them arbitrarily and without cause.

For the Employed : Disrespect to employers—Want of obedience in matters wherein one has bound one's self to obey—Waste of time —Neglect of work—Waste of employer's property, by dishonesty, carelessness, or neglect.

For Professional Men and Public Officials : Culpable lack of the knowledge relating to duties of office or profession—Neglect in discharging those duties—Injustice or partiality—Exorbitant fees.

For Teachers: Neglecting the progress of those confided to their care—Unjust, indiscreet, or excessive punishment—Partiality—Bad example, loose and false maxims.

For Pupils: Disrespect—Disobedience—Stubbornness—Idleness—Waste of time.

For all: Contempt for the laws of our State and Country, as well as of the Church—Disobedience to lawful authority.

FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Sins against this Commandment are:

Unjust taking of human life (and hence, indirectly and implicitly, any violence of thought, word, or act which may lead thereto)—Exposing life or limb to danger without reasonable cause—Carelessness in leaving about poisons, dangerous drugs, weapons, etc.—Desires of revenge—Quarrels—Fights—Showing aversion or contempt for others—Refusing to speak to them when addressed—Ignoring offers of reconciliation, especially between relatives—Cherishing an unforgiving spirit—Raillery and ridicule—Insults—Irritating words and actions—Sadness at another's prosperity—Rejoicing over another's misfortune—Jealousy at attentions shown to others—Tyrannical behavior—Inducing others to sin by word or example—Gluttony—Drunkenness—Rash use of opiates—Injury to health by over-indulgence—Giving drink to others, knowing that they will abuse it.

SIXTH AND NINTH COMMANDMENTS.

The former forbids in action what the latter forbids in thought or desire. We shall not enter into details on this subject. It is a pitch which defiles. Those who sin against these two Commandments know it well; those who do not should pray God that they may never learn. It is sufficient to remind penitents that each and every act, *if deliberate*, contrary to the holy virtue of Purity—be it in thought or desire, in look, gesture, word, or deed—is a Mortal Sin, and as such must be mentioned in Confession intelligibly, yet modestly.

It will be further useful to remark: that in regard to sins of this kind it is wrong to dwell too much on details; that we should be especially careful to take note of the avoidable *occasions* of our falls, and to direct our purpose of amendment to the keeping away from *them*, rather than to the making of vague, general resolutions about the future avoidance of the sin itself.

SEVENTH AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS.

Sins against these Commandments are:

Stealing (What value? What damage done to property or interests?)—Possession of ill-gotten goods—Exorbitant prices—False weights and measures—Cheating—Adulteration of wares—Careless or malicious injury to the property of others—Cheating at play—Appropriation of what is lent or found, without reasonable pains to return it, or to find its owner—Concealment of fraud, theft, or damage, when in duty bound to give information—Petty thefts—Culpable delay in paying lawful debts, of restitution, when able to make it—Neglect to make reasonable efforts and sacrifices in this matter, e.g., by gradually laying up the amount required.

EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

Sins against this Commandment are:

Lying—Perjury—Frauds, public and private, such as at elections, etc.—Malicious falsehoods—Lies for unjust or bad ends—Lies against character, especially if told publicly—Revealing secrets—Publishing discreditable secrets about others, *even if true*—Refusing or delaying to restore the good name we have blackened—Slander or detraction, and encouraging these in others—Baseless accusations, groundless suspicions, rash judgments of others, in our own mind.

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH.

1. Have I neglected, without good reason, to hear Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, and to keep those days holy by avoiding all servile work?

2. Have I failed to fast or abstain, without sufficient reason, on those days commanded to be so observed by the Church?

3-4. Have I omitted to confess my mortal sins at least once a year, or to make my Easter-duty?

5. Have I refused to contribute to the support of my Pastor, according to my means?—gone to Mass Sunday after Sunday, without giving anything to the collections?

6. Have I entered into marriage, or aided any one else to do so, without banns, or before a State official or a Protestant minister; or without dispensation within the forbidden degrees of kindred; or with any other known impediment?

AFTER EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

O MY God, I cry unto Thee with the prodigal: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee; I am no longer worthy to be called Thy Son.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost. O seek Thy servant, for I have not forgotten Thy commandments.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord. O spare me for Thy mercy's sake.

Prove me, O God, and know my heart; examine me, and know my paths.

Thou whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, O meet me in pity, embrace me in love, and forgive me all my sin.

I confess my sins unto Thee, O Christ, Healer of our souls, O Lord of Life. Heal me, heal me of my spiritual sickness, Thou who art long-suffering and of tender mercy; heal me, O Lord Christ.

Accept my supplications, O Thou Holy Spirit, unto whom every heart is open, every desire known, and from whom no secret is hid, and who givest life to our souls; hear and answer, O Spirit of God.

O Heavenly Father, who willest not that any sinner should perish, give me true repentance for this my sin, that I perish not!

To what misery am I come by my own fault! O merciful God, pity and forgive me for Jesus' sake.

Thine eyes, O God, are as a flame of fire searching my inmost heart. O pardon my sin, for it is great!

Thou, God, seest me in all the foulness of my sins! Blessed Jesus, speak for me, plead for me, come between my soul and my offended God, that I perish not. *Amen.*

Here may be said the Miserere, *or any of the preceding* Penitential Psalms (*p. 245*).

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION.

ACCEPT my Confession, O most loving, most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, on whom alone my soul trusts for salvation. Grant me, I beseech Thee, contrition of heart, and give tears to mine eyes, that I may sorrow deeply for all my sins with humility and sincerity of heart.

O good Jesus, Saviour of the world, who gavest Thyself to the death of the Cross to save sinners, look on me, a miserable sinner who calls upon Thy name. Spare me, Thou that art my Saviour, and pity my sinful soul ; loose its chains, heal its sores. Lord Jesus, I desire Thee, I seek Thee, I long for Thee ; show me the light of Thy countenance, and I shall be saved ; send forth Thy light and Thy truth into my soul, to show me fully all the sins and shortcomings which I must still confess, and to aid and teach me to lay them bare without reserve and with a contrite heart ; O Thou who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O most gracious Virgin Mary, beloved Mother of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, intercede for me with Him. Obtain for me the full remission of my sins, and perfect amendment of life, to the salvation of my soul and the glory of His name. *Amen.*

I implore the same grace of thee, O my Angel Guardian ; of you, my holy Patrons, N. N. ; of you, O blessed Peter and holy Magdalen, and of all the Saints of God. Intercede for me a sinner, repenting of my sins, firmly resolving to confess them, and to avoid them for the future. *Amen.*

DIRECTIONS FOR CONFESSION.

Approach the Confessional in a humble and contrite spirit, and kneel down by your Confessor. Then, making the sign of the Cross, say, Benedicite, *or,* Father, bless me, for I have sinned. *After he has given the Blessing, say the* Confiteor, * *in English or Latin, as far as the words,* through my most grievous fault; *then say,* Since my last Confession, which was —— ago, I accuse myself of ——. *Here name all the sins which you have recalled to mind since your last confession; and, in confessing them, be sure to observe these rules:*

1. Let your confession be ENTIRE; *i.e., do not knowingly conceal any one mortal sin; otherwise, so far from obtaining Absolution, you do but add to your sins. State the kind of sins you have committed, and, as far as you can, their number; and mention any circumstances which you think would change the nature of your sins.*

2. Let your confession be PURE. *Let everything be mentioned sincerely and exactly, without any disguise or dissimulation; let the certain things be mentioned as certain, the doubtful as doubtful. Avoid all excuses for yourself, either direct or indirect; and take the greatest care not to throw blame on any one else, or to mention or hint at the name of any third person. Avoid all superfluous words and matter, and everything which does not directly concern the integrity of the confession. Be as concise as you can, consistently with fulness and candor.*

3. Let your confession be HUMBLE, *remembering that you are in an especial manner in the presence of God, from whom, through His Priest, you are seeking and expecting pardon. The thought of God at this moment will be your best protection against all false shame, insincere trifling, and affectation.*

After you have confessed all your sins, according to these rules, say, For these and all my other sins which I cannot now remember, I am heartily sorry, and humbly ask pardon of God, and Penance and Absolution of you, Father. Therefore I beseech Blessed Mary, etc., *to the end of the* Confiteor.

Then listen attentively and humbly to the direction and advice of

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* NOTE. *If many penitents are waiting for Confession, the* Confiteor *should be said before entering the Confessional.*

your Confessor, and be fully resolved to do whatever he bids you to do, either in the way of penance, or restitution, or reparation, or for the avoiding of sin in the future. While he is giving you Absolution, devoutly bow your head, and with all possible fervor recite the following ACT OF CONTRITION:

O MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

THE RITUAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

THE FORM OF ABSOLUTION.

When therefore the penitent is ready to be absolved, having first enjoined a salutary penance, the Priest says:

MISEREATUR tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te in vitam æternam. Amen.	MAY Almighty God have mercy upon thee, and forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee unto life everlasting. Amen.

He then, with his right hand raised towards the penitent, says:

INDULGENTIAM, ✠ absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum tuorum tribuat tibi omnipotens et misericors Dominus. Amen.	MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant thee pardon, ✠ absolution, and forgiveness of thy sins. Amen.

DOMINUS noster Jesus Christus te absolvat; et ego, auctoritate ipsius, te absolvo ab omni vinculo excommunicationis (suspensionis) et interdicti, inquantum possum, et tu indiges. *Deinde* ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis, in nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.

Amen.

MAY our Lord Jesus Christ absolve thee; and I, by His authority, absolve thee from every bond of excommunication (suspension) and interdict, inasmuch as in my power lieth, and thou standest in need. *Finally*, I absolve thee from thy sins, in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(If the penitent is a lay person the word suspension *is omitted.)*

PASSIO Domini Nostri Jesu Christi, merita beatæ Mariæ Virginis et omnium Sanctorum, quidquid boni feceris, et mali sustinueris, sint tibi in remissionem peccatorum, augmentum gratiæ, et præmium vitæ æternæ.

Amen.

MAY the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints, whatsoever thou shalt have done of good and borne of evil, be unto thee for remission of sins, increase of grace, and reward of life everlasting. Amen.

In frequent and shorter confessions, the prayer, Almighty God have mercy upon thee, etc., *may be omitted, and it suffices to say* May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve thee, etc., *as far as* May the Passion of our Lord, etc.

In danger of death, or any grave necessity, this brief form may be used:

EGO te absolvo ab omnibus censuris et peccatis, in nomine Patris, ✠

I ABSOLVE thee from all censures and sins, in the name of the Father,

et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.	✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

AFTER CONFESSION.

1. As soon after Confession as you conveniently can, perform your Penance, and renew your resolutions of avoiding all sin, and of adopting all the means for so doing, by avoiding the occasions and temptations of sin; and then you may have a perfect confidence, with devout thankfulness, that all your sins, through the mercy of God, are forgiven.

2. Consider how you can amend your life. This will be best done by fixing your attention on one or two of your more prominent defects of character, and directing your chief efforts to overcome these by such means as the following: 1. Conceive a strong desire to overcome these faults, frequently renew your resolution, and examine yourself particularly upon them. 2. When you commit them, punish yourself in some way for it. 3. Endeavor always to have the thought of Christ present in your mind, and direct short prayers to Him, especially when you are attacked by temptations, or when you are necessarily exposed to the danger of sinning. 4. Meditate frequently on those subjects most calculated to excite your fears, hopes, and affections, as Death and Judgment, the Love of God, His kindnesses to you, His promises, etc. Be earnest and persevere with a good hope of victory, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING AFTER CONFESSION.

O MOST merciful God, who according to the multitude of Thy mercies dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent that Thou rememberest them no more: look graciously upon me, Thine unworthy servant, and accept my confession for Thy mercy's sake; receive my humble thanks, most loving Father, that of Thy great goodness Thou hast given me pardon for all my sins. O may Thy love and pity supply whatsoever has been wanting in the sufficiency of my contrition, and the fulness of my confession. And do Thou, O Lord, vouchsafe to grant me the help of Thy grace, that I may diligently amend my life and persevere in Thy service unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm 102.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul : and let all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgiveth Thee all thine iniquities : who healeth all thine infirmities.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction : who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion.

Who satisfieth thy desire with good things : thy youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord doth mercies and judgment : for all that suffer wrong.

He hath made His ways known unto Moses : His will unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering and plenteous in mercy.

He will not alway be angry : neither will He threaten for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth : so hath He strengthened His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west : so far hath He removed our iniquities from us.

As a father hath pity upon his children, so hath the Lord pity upon them that fear Him : for He knoweth whereof we are made.

He remembereth that we are but dust : man's days are as the grass, as the flower of the field so shall he flourish.

For the wind shall pass over it, and it shall not be : and one shall know its place no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting : upon them that fear Him ;

And His justice upon children's children ; unto such as keep His covenant ;

And are mindful of His commandments : to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in heaven : and His kingdom shall rule over all.

Bless the Lord, all ye His angels : ye that are mighty in strength, and fulfil His commandment, hearkening to the voice of His words.

Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye ministers of His that do His will.

Bless the Lord, all ye His works : in every place of His dominion bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 15.

PRESERVE me, O Lord, for in Thee have I put my trust : I have said to the Lord, Thou art my God, for Thou hast no need of my goods.

To the saints who are in His land : He hath made wonderful all my desires in them.

Their infirmities were multiplied : afterwards they made haste.

I will not gather together their meetings for blood offerings : nor will I make mention of their names with my lips.

The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup : Thou art He that will restore my inheritance unto me.

The lines are fallen unto me in goodly places : for my inheritance is goodly unto me.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me understanding : moreover my reins also have corrected me even till night.

I set the Lord always in my sight : for He is at my right hand, that I be not moved.

Therefore my heart hath been glad, and my tongue hath rejoiced : moreover my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell ; nor wilt Thou give Thy holy one to see corruption.

Thou hast made known unto me the ways of life : Thou shalt fill me with joy with Thy countenance ; at Thy right hand are delights for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 19.

MAY the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble : may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

May He send thee help from the sanctuary : and defend thee out of Sion.

May He be mindful of all thy sacrifices : and may thy whole burnt-offerings be made fat.

May He give unto thee according to thine own heart: and confirm all thy counsels.

We will rejoice in thy salvation: and in the name of our God we shall be exalted.

The Lord fulfil all thy petitions: now have I known that the Lord hath saved His anointed.

He will hear him from His holy heaven: the salvation of His right hand is powerful.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

They are entangled and have fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

O Lord, save the king: and hear us in the day that we shall call upon Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PRAYER BEFORE PERFORMING SACRAMENTAL PENANCE. (*St. Gertrude.*)

AND since I have so grievously insulted Thee, O most tender and loving God, by my manifold sins and negligences, I am ready now to make perfect satisfaction to Thy divine justice to the utmost of my ability. To this end I will faithfully and most reverently perform the penance appointed me by my confessor in Thy name; and would that I could perform it with so great devotion and love as to give Thee an honor and delight greater than the insult and outrage of my sins! And that this may be so, I unite and blend this my penance with all the works of satisfaction which Thy beloved Son accomplished during the three-and-thirty years of His life on earth, and in union with His fastings, His watchings, and His prayers, I offer Thee this my penance and my prayer. Look down, therefore, O most loving Father, upon me Thy most bounden debtor, now prostrate at Thy feet, desiring to make Thee adequate satisfaction and reparation for all the insults and injuries I have done Thee; and grant me strength and grace to say this prayer according to Thy most holy will. *Amen.*

Here perform your Sacramental Penance, and then say as follows:

O MOST holy Father, I offer Thee this my confession and my satisfaction in union with all the acts of penance which have ever been done to the glory of Thy holy name: beseeching Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept it, and to render it availing through the merits of the Passion of Thy beloved Son, and through the intercession of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and of all Thy holy Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins. Whatever has been lacking to me in sincere and earnest preparation, in perfect contrition, in frank and clear confession, I commend to the most loving heart of Thine only-begotten Son, that Treasury of all good and of all grace, from whose overflowing abundance all debts to Thee are fully acquitted; that through it all my negligences and defects in the reception of this holy Sacrament may be fully and perfectly supplied to Thine everlasting praise and glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE PRIEST.

O LORD Jesus Christ, bless, I beseech Thee, Thy servant who has now ministered to me in Thy name. Help me to remember his good counsel and advice, and to perform duly what he has rightly laid upon me. And grant him the abundance of Thy grace and favor, that his own soul may be refreshed and strengthened for Thy perfect service, and that he may come at last to the joy of Thy heavenly kingdom. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR PARDON AND AMENDMENT.

I.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus Christ, I, an unworthy sinner, would beg Thee to be mindful of all the holy thoughts which have been Thine from eternity until now; above all, that one by which Thou, O Eternal Word, didst will to become man.

Our Father.

O most merciful Lord, I pray Thee, from the bottom of my heart, to pardon me all the vain, foul, and evil thoughts which, up to this hour, I have entertained, or in any way have caused others to entertain, against or beside Thy will.

Our Father.

II.

O MOST compassionate Lord Jesus Christ, I, a miserable sinner, would beg Thee to be mindful of all the good and saving words which Thou didst ever speak when on earth.

Our Father.

I humbly pray Thee, O good Jesus, to forgive me all the words which up to this hour I have uttered or caused others to utter against Thy holy will.

Our Father.

III.

O MOST sweet Jesus Christ, I, an unworthy sinner, yet redeemed by Thy precious Blood, would beg Thee to be mindful of all the good works which Thou wroughtest on the earth for our salvation. I beseech Thee, most compassionate Lord, pardon me whatsoever, by my ill deeds, I have at any time knowingly or ignorantly committed, or have caused others to commit, against Thy law and the glory of Thy name.

Our Father.

And now, O most gracious Lord, direct and order all my thoughts, words, and works according to Thy good pleasure, and to the praise of Thy name ; and conform them to the perfect pattern of Thy most holy life and conversation. I am Thine, and will be Thine, O Lord, in life and in death ; into Thy hands I commend myself and all that I have.

Our Father.

PRAYERS AGAINST THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS.

1. Against Pride.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Pattern of humility, who didst empty Thyself of Thy glory, and take upon Thee the form of a servant : root out of us all pride and conceit of heart, that, owning ourselves miserable and guilty sinners, we may willingly bear contempt and reproaches for Thy sake, and, glorying in nothing but Thee, may esteem ourselves lowly in Thy sight. Not unto us, O Lord, but to Thy name be the praise, for Thy loving mercy and for Thy truth's sake. *Amen.*

2. Against Covetousness.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who though Thou wast rich yet for our sakes didst become poor, grant that all over-eagerness and covetousness of earthly goods may die in us, and the desire of heavenly things may live and grow in us: keep us from all idle and vain expenditures, that we may always have to give to him that needeth, and that giving not grudgingly nor of necessity, but cheerfully, we may be loved of Thee, and be made through Thy merits partakers of the riches of Thy heavenly treasure. *Amen.*

3. Against Lust.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Guardian of chaste souls, and lover of purity, who wast pleased to take our nature and to be born of an Immaculate Virgin: mercifully look upon my infirmity. Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me; help me to drive away all evil thoughts, to conquer every sinful desire, and so pierce my flesh with the fear of Thee that, this worst enemy being overcome, I may serve Thee with a chaste body and please Thee with a pure heart. *Amen.*

4. Against Anger.

O MOST meek Jesus, Prince of Peace, who, when Thou wast reviled, reviled not, and on the Cross didst pray for Thy murderers: implant in our hearts the virtues of gentleness and patience, that, restraining the fierceness of anger, impatience, and resentment, we may overcome evil with good, for Thy sake love our enemies, and as children of our heavenly Father seek Thy peace and evermore rejoice in Thy love. *Amen.*

5. Against Gluttony.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Mirror of abstinence, who, to teach us the virtue of abstinence, didst fast forty days and forty nights, grant that, serving Thee and not our own appetites, we may live soberly and piously with contentment, without greediness, gluttony, or drunkenness, that Thy will being our meat and drink, we may hunger and thirst after justice, and finally obtain from Thee that food which endureth unto life eternal. *Amen.*

6. Against Envy.

O MOST loving Jesus, Pattern of charity, who makest all the commandments of the law to consist in love towards God and towards man, grant to us so to love Thee with all our heart, with all our mind, and all our soul, and our neighbor for Thy sake, that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness, and ill-will may die in us ; and fill our hearts with feelings of love, kindness, and compassion, so that by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and success of others, by sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and putting away all harsh judgments and envious thoughts, we may follow Thee, who art Thyself the true and perfect love. *Amen.*

7. Against Sloth.

O LORD Jesus Christ, eternal Love, who in the garden didst pray so long and so fervently that Thy Sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground: put away from us, we beseech Thee, all sloth and inactivity both of body and mind; kindle within us the fire of Thy love; strengthen our weakness, that whatsoever our hand is able to do we may do it earnestly, and that, striving heartily to please Thee in this life, we may have Thee hereafter as our reward exceeding great. *Amen.*

SEVEN THANKSGIVINGS FOR THE SEVEN EFFUSIONS OF OUR LORD'S BLOOD. (AGAINST THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS.)

I.

O MOST humble Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, because in Thy tenderest age, on the eighth day of Thy mortal life, Thou didst vouchsafe to shed Thy precious and innocent Blood for us, and as a true Son of Abraham to bear the pain of Circumcision.

By this most holy shedding of Thy Blood, I beg of Thee the grace of humility against all pride and worldly vanity.

Our Father.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

II.

O THOU whose love is like the pelican's for her young, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, because in the Garden, out of the exceeding anguish of Thy Heart, Thou didst pour forth a bloody Sweat, and, wholly resigning Thyself to death, didst offer it to Thy Father.

By this most holy shedding of Thy Blood, I ask of Thee the grace of liberality against all covetousness and avarice.

Our Father.

O Saviour of the world, etc.

III.

O MOST chaste Spouse, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, because Thou didst suffer Thyself to be mercilessly bound in Pilate's judgment hall, and Thy virgin Flesh to be cruelly scourged and mangled.

By this most holy shedding of Thy Blood, I implore of Thee the grace of chastity against all sensuality and lust.

Our Father.

O Saviour of the world, etc.

IV.

O MOST meek Lamb, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, because Thou didst suffer Thy Sacred Head to be crowned with piercing thorns and struck with a hard reed.

By this most holy shedding of Thy Blood, I pray Thee for the grace of meekness against all anger and desire of revenge.

Our Father.

O Saviour of the world, etc.

V.

O MOST sweet Jesus Christ, Pattern of temperance and self-denial, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, because Thou didst allow Thy garments to be torn from Thy bleeding Body both before and after the carrying of Thy Cross, which opened Thy Wounds again, and caused them to bleed afresh.

By this most holy shedding of Thy Blood, I beseech of Thee the grace of temperance and abstinence against all greediness and gluttony.

Our Father.

O Saviour of the world, etc.

VI.

O GOOD and faithful Samaritan, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, because out of Thy burning love for us Thou didst suffer Thy sacred Hands and Feet to be pierced and nailed to the Cross for our redemption.

By this most holy shedding of Thy Blood, I beg of Thee the grace of brotherly love against all envy and jealousy.

Our Father.

O Saviour of the world, etc.

VII.

O MOST zealous High-Priest, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to Thee, because Thou didst suffer Thy sacred Side to be pierced, opened, and wounded with a spear.

By this most holy shedding of Thy Blood, I earnestly pray Thee for the grace of holy zeal and fervor against all sloth and weariness in Thy service, and in every religious exercise.

Our Father.

O Saviour of the world, etc.

Instructions for Holy Communion.

THE Holy Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, under the appearances of bread and wine. *The bread which I will give*, says Jesus Christ, *is My Flesh, for the life of the world* (John vi. 52). And at His Last Supper *Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake, and gave to His disciples, and said: Take and eat:* THIS IS MY BODY. *And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this.* FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD *of the New Testament which shall be shed for many, unto remission of sins* (Matt. xxvi. 26-28).

Our Blessed Redeemer, having thus instituted this adorable Sacrament, ordained His Apostles Priests of the new law, and gave to them and their lawful successors power and authority to do what He had done—that is, to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood. This change (which the Church calls *Transubstantiation*) is effected by these divine words of our Redeemer, *This is My Body*, *This is My Blood*, which the Priest at the Consecration in the Mass pronounces in the name and person of Jesus Christ. It is God Himself who works this wonderful change by the ministry of His Priest.

When, therefore, the words of Consecration are pronounced, we believe that the whole substance of the bread is changed into the substance of the Body, and the whole substance of the wine into the substance of the Blood, of our Blessed Lord. And as Jesus Christ is now immortal, and cannot be divided, He is truly present, whole and entire, both God and Man, under the appearance of bread and under the appearance of wine.

The method by which our Salvation is graciously accomplished is by our personal union with our Incarnate Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He came to be the new Head of the human race, the second Adam. He is the Vine of which we are the branches, the Head of the Body of which we are the members. We who have been baptized have been incorporated into Christ. A new life has been imparted to us. But the spiritual, supernatural life which He imparts needs, like our natural, physical life, to be fed and nourished; otherwise it will languish and be in danger of perishing And our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed to us that as He is the Source of this our true life, so He is Himself its Food and Sustenance. He tells us that we must definitely and personally appropriate Him. *He that eateth Me*, He says, *the same also shall live by Me* (John vi. 58).

He explains that we must be partakers of His Sacred Humanity, of His Flesh, and of His glorious Life, once laid down for our sins, but now risen, and ascended, and ever presented as an atoning and acceptable Sacrifice—the Blood of the New Testament. *Unless ye eat*, He says, *the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, ye shall not have life in you. He who eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath everlasting life; and I will raise him up on the last day* (John vi. 54, 55).

The means whereby this most momentous feeding upon Christ is accomplished is the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. This is the means appointed by our Blessed Lord Himself, and it is clear, therefore, that this Holy Sacrament must on no account be neglected where it may be had. If we wilfully or carelessly refuse the means, we cannot expect to receive the grace.

Let a man prove himself, says St. Paul (1 Cor. xi. 28), *and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of the Cup.* This proving one's self is the first and most necessary preparation for the Holy Communion, and consists in looking diligently into the state of one's soul, in order to discover what unworthy dispositions or sins may lie there concealed, and to apply a proper remedy to them by sincere repentance and Confession; lest otherwise, approaching the Holy of Holies with a soul defiled with the guilt of mortal sin, we become *guilty of the Body and of the Blood* of Christ, and receive *judgment to ourselves, not discerning the Body of the Lord* (1 Cor. xi. 27, 29). For this reason we go to confession before Communion, in order to clear our souls from the defilement of sin.

The person who is to receive the Blessed Sacrament must be also fasting from the previous midnight, by the command of the Church and by a most ancient and Apostolical tradition ordaining that, in reference to so great a Sacrament, nothing should enter into the body of a Christian before the Body of Christ. The case of danger of approaching death is excepted, when the Blessed Sacrament is received by way of VIATICUM.

Besides this preparation of Confession and Fasting, the person who proposes to go to Communion must endeavor to attain the best possible devotion, in order to dispose his soul for more suitably receiving so great a Guest. To this end he is recommended:

1. To think well on the great work he has in hand; to consider attentively Who it is whom he is going to receive, and how far he is from deserving such a favor; and to implore, with fervor and humility, God's grace and mercy. And this should be the subject of his meditations and prayers for some time beforehand, and more particularly the night before his Communion and the morning he receives.

2. To propose to himself a Pure Intention, *viz.*, the honor of God and the sanctification of his own soul; and in particular that by worthily receiving Christ in this heavenly Sacrament he may come to a happy union with Him, according to His words in the Gospel of St. John, *He who eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, abideth in Me, and I in him.*

3. To meditate on the Sufferings and Death of his Redeemer; this Sacrament being instituted to this end, that we should *show the death of the Lord until He come* (1 Cor. xi. 26).

4. To prepare himself by acts of virtue, more especially of Faith, Hope, Love, and Humility; that so he may approach to his Lord with a firm belief of His Real Presence in this Sacrament, and of that great Sacrifice which He heretofore offered upon the Cross for our Redemption, of which He here makes us partakers; with an ardent affection of love to Him who has loved us so much, and who, out of pure love, gives Himself to us; and with a great sentiment of his own unworthiness and sins, joined with a firm confidence in the mercies of his Redeemer.

Here follow the forms of Preparation for, and Thanksgiving after, the Holy Communion, which are set forth in the ROMAN MISSAL. They should be used as *aids* to the exercise of our thoughts and the kindling of our affections, and not as substitutes for our own efforts. They point out the proper line of thought and subjects for reflection, and, if used carefully and meditatively, will be found of great assistance. But no forms, however perfect in themselves, would be good for us without much care and effort on our own parts. These forms are enlarged and extended somewhat, as a variety is useful for different minds, and also for the same mind at different times.

DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION.

PREPARATION.

Antiphon. Remember not, O Lord, our offences.

Psalm 83.

HOW lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts: my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God.

For the sparrow hath found her a house: and the turtle a nest for herself, where she may lay her young:

Even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts: my king and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord: they shall praise Thee for ever and ever.

Blessed is the man whose help is in Thee: in his heart he hath disposed to ascend by steps, in the vale of tears, in the place which he hath set.

For the lawgiver shall give a blessing: they shall go from strength to strength: the God of gods shall be seen in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our protector : and look upon the face of Thy Christ.

For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be despised in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of sinners.

For God loveth mercy and truth : the Lord will give grace and glory.

He will not withhold good things from them that walk in innocence : O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that hopeth in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 85.

THOU hast blessed Thy land, O Lord : Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people : Thou hast covered all their sins.

Thou hast softened all Thine anger : Thou hast turned away from the wrath of Thine indignation.

Convert us, O God our Saviour : and turn away Thine anger from us.

Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever : or wilt Thou stretch out Thy wrath from generation to generation?

Thou shalt turn again, O God, and quicken us : and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

Show us Thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God shall say within me : for He will speak peace unto His people :

And unto His saints : and unto them that are converted in heart.

Surely His salvation is nigh unto them that fear Him : that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together : justice and peace have kissed each other.

Truth is sprung out of the earth : and justice hath looked down from heaven.

For the Lord shall give goodness : and our earth shall yield her fruit.

Justice shall walk before Him : and shall set His steps in the way.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 85.

INCLINE Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me : for I am needy and poor.

Preserve my soul, for I am holy : O my God, save Thy servant, that trusteth in Thee.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord : for unto Thee have I cried all the day. Give joy to the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

For Thou, O Lord, art sweet and mild ; and plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon Thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer : and attend to the voice of my petition.

I have called upon Thee in the day of my trouble : for Thou hast heard me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord : and there is none that can do works like unto Thy works.

All the nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord : and shall glorify Thy name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth, let my heart rejoice that it may fear Thy name.

I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart: and I will glorify Thy name for ever.

For great is Thy mercy toward me: and Thou hast delivered my soul out of the lower hell.

O God, the wicked are risen up against me; and the assembly of the mighty have sought after my soul: and they have not set Thee before their eyes.

And Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and merciful: long-suffering, and of much mercy, and true.

O look upon me, and have mercy on me: give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thine handmaid.

Show me a token for good: that they who hate me may see, and be confounded: because Thou, O Lord, hast helped me, and hast comforted me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 115.

I BELIEVED, and therefore did I speak: but I was humbled exceedingly.

I said in mine excess: All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the Lord: for all the things that He hath rendered unto me?

I will take the chalice of salvation; and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the presence of all His people: precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

O Lord, I am Thy servant : I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid.

Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder : I will offer unto Thee the sacrifice of praise, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all His people : in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 129.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities : Lord, who shall abide it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness : and because of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath waited on His word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night : let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel : from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents ; neither take Thou revenge of our sins : Spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most Precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. I said : O Lord, be Thou merciful unto me.
R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
V. Return, O Lord, for a little space.
R. And be entreated in favor of Thy servants.
V. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
R. As we have hoped in Thee.
V. Let Thy priests be clothed with justice.
R. And let Thy saints rejoice.
V. From my secret sins cleanse me, O Lord.
R. And from those of others spare Thy servant.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O MERCIFUL Lord, incline Thine ears to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit : that we may worthily receive Thy holy Mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love.

O GOD, unto whom every heart is open, every desire known, and from whom no secret is hid : cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily praise Thee.

INFLAME, O Lord, our reins and our hearts with the fire of the Holy Ghost: that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a pure mind.

WE pray Thee, O Lord, that the Comforter who proceedeth from Thee may illuminate our minds, and lead us, as Thy Son hath promised, into all truth.

MAY the power of Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, be present with us to cleanse us from all evil and defend us from all adversities.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of Thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort.

VISIT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and cleanse our consciences, that Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when He cometh, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself.

To be said Daily.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, lo, I draw near to the Sacrament of Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As sick, I approach to the Physician of Life; unclean, to the Fountain of Mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal Brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore Thee, therefore, out of the abundance of Thy boundless mercy, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness; that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intention, as is expedient for the health of my soul. Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also the whole grace and virtue of that Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be found worthy to be incorporated into His mystical Body, and accounted among His members. And, O most loving Father, grant that whom now I purpose to receive under a veil I may at last behold with unveiled face, even Thy beloved Son. Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SUNDAY.

O GREAT High-Priest, the true Pontiff, Jesus Christ, who didst offer Thyself to God the Father a pure and spotless Victim upon the Altar of the Cross for us miserable sinners, and didst give us Thy Flesh to eat and Thy Blood to drink, and didst ordain this Mystery in the power of Thy Holy Spirit, saying, *Do this for the commemoration of Me:* I pray Thee, by the same Thy Blood, the great price of our salvation; I pray

Thee, by that wonderful and unspeakable love wherewith Thou deignedst so to love us, miserable and unworthy, as to wash us from our sins in Thine own Blood: teach me, Thine unworthy servant, by Thy Holy Spirit, to approach so great a Mystery with that reverence and honor, that devotion and fear, which is due and fitting. Make me, through Thy grace, always so to believe and understand, to conceive and firmly to hold, to think and to speak, of that exceeding Mystery, as shall please Thee and be good for my soul.

Let Thy good Spirit enter my heart, and there be heard without utterance, and without the sound of words speak all truth. For Thy Mysteries are exceeding deep, and covered with a sacred veil. For Thy great mercy's sake, grant me to approach Thy holy Mysteries with a clean heart and a pure mind. Free my heart from all defiling and unholy, from all vain and hurtful thoughts. Fence me round about with the holy and faithful guard and mighty protection of Thy blessed Angels, that the enemies of all good may go away ashamed. By the virtue of this mighty Mystery, and by the hand of Thy holy Angel, drive away from me and from all Thy servants the hard spirit of pride and vain-glory, of envy and blasphemy, of impurity and uncleanness, of doubting and mistrust. Let them be confounded that persecute us. Let them perish who are bent upon our ruin.

MONDAY.

KING of virgins and Lover of chastity and innocence, extinguish in my frame, by the dew of Thy heavenly blessing, the fuel of evil concupiscence, that so an equal purity of soul and body may abide in me. Mortify in my members the lusts of the flesh and all harmful emotions, and give me true and persevering chastity with Thine other gifts which please Thee in truth, so that I may with chaste body and pure heart offer unto Thee the sacrifice of praise. For with what contrition of heart and fountain of tears, with what reverence and awe, with what chastity of body and purity of soul, should that divine and heavenly Sacrifice be celebrated, wherein Thy flesh is indeed eaten, where Thy Blood is indeed drunk, wherein things lowest and highest, earthly and divine, are united, where the holy Angels are present, and where Thou art in a marvellous and unspeakable manner both Sacrifice and Priest!

TUESDAY.

WHO can worthily be present at this Sacrifice unless Thou, O God, makest him worthy? I know, O Lord, yea, truly do I know, and this do confess to Thy loving-kindness, that I am unworthy to approach so great a Mystery, by reason of my numberless sins and negligences; but I know, and truly with my own heart do I believe, and with my mouth confess, that Thou canst make me worthy, who alone canst make that clean which proceedeth from that which is unclean, and sinners to be just and holy. By this Thine Almighty power I beseech Thee, O my God, to grant that I, a sinner, may assist at this Sacrifice with fear and trembling, with purity of heart and plenteous tears, with spiritual gladness and heavenly joy. May my mind feel the sweetness of Thy most blessed Presence, and the love of Thy holy Angels, keeping watch around me.

WEDNESDAY.

MINDFUL then, O Lord, of Thy worshipful Passion, I approach Thine Altar, sinner though I am, to join in offering unto Thee that Sacrifice which Thou hast instituted and commanded to be offered in remembrance of Thee for our well-being. Receive it, I beseech Thee, O God most High, for Thy holy Church, and for the people whom Thou hast purchased with Thine own Blood. Let not, through my unworthiness, the price of their salvation be wasted, whose saving Victim and Redemption Thou didst Thyself vouchsafe to be. Also behold in pity, O Lord, the sorrows of Thy people, which I bring before Thee; the perils of Thy servants; the sorrowful sighing of prisoners; the miseries of widows and orphans, and all that are desolate and bereaved; the necessities of strangers and travellers; the helplessness and sadness of the weak and sickly; the depressions of the languishing; the weakness of the aged and of children; the trials and aspirations of young men; and the vows of virgins.

THURSDAY.

FOR Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made. Remember how frail our nature is, and that Thou art our Father and our God. Be not angry with us for ever, and shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure. For it is not for our just works that we present our prayers before Thy face, but for the multitude of Thy tender mercies. Take away from us, O Lord, our iniquities, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of Thy Holy Spirit. Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in, to follow, and to enjoy Thee. And we entreat Thy mercy, O Lord, that Thou wouldst look down graciously upon Thy family, as it pays its vows to Thy most holy name; and that the desire of none may be in vain, and the petitions of none unfulfilled, do Thou inspire our prayers, that they may be such as Thou delightest to hear and answer.

FRIDAY.

WE pray Thee also, O Lord, Holy Father, for the souls of the faithful departed: that this great Sacrament of Thy love may be to them health and salvation, joy and refreshment. O Lord, my God, grant them this day a great and abundant feast of Thee, the living Bread, who camest down from heaven and givest life unto the world; even of Thy holy and blessed Flesh, the Lamb without spot, who takest away the sins of the world; that Flesh, which was taken of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and conceived by the Holy Ghost; and of that Fountain of mercy which, by the soldier's lance, flowed from Thy most sacred Side; that they be thereby fed and satisfied, refreshed and comforted, and may rejoice in Thy praise and in Thy glory. I pray Thy loving mercy, O Lord, that on the bread and wine to be offered unto Thee may descend the fulness of Thy blessing and the sanctification of Thy Divinity. May there descend also the invisible and incomprehensible Majesty of Thy Holy Spirit, as it descended of old on the sacrifices of the Fathers, which shall make these oblations Thy Body and Blood; and may this offering be acceptable unto Thee, through Him who offered Himself a sacrifice to Thee, O Father, even Jesus Christ, Thine only Son our Lord.

SATURDAY.

I ENTREAT Thee also, O Lord, by this most holy mystery of Thy Body and Blood, wherewith we are daily fed, and cleansed, and sanctified in Thy Church, and are made partakers of the one Supreme Divinity, grant unto me Thy holy virtues, that filled therewith I may draw near with a good conscience unto Thy holy Altar, so that these heavenly mysteries may be made unto me salvation and life; for Thou hast said with Thy holy and blessed mouth: *The Bread which I will give is My Flesh, for the life of the world. I am the Living Bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever.* O most sweet Bread, heal the palate of my heart, that I may taste the sweetness of Thy love. Heal it of all infirmities, that I may find sweetness in nothing out of Thee. O most pure Bread, having all delight and all savor, which ever refreshest us, and never failest, let my heart feed on Thee, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor. The Angels feed on Thee fully; let pilgrim man feed on Thee after his measure, so that, refreshed by this nourishment, he may not faint by the way. Holy Bread! Living Bread! Pure Bread! who didst come down from heaven, and who givest life to the world, enter into my heart and cleanse me from all impurity of flesh and spirit. Come into my soul; heal and cleanse me within and without; be the protection and continual health of my soul and body. Drive far from me all foes that lie in wait: let them flee afar off at the presence of Thy power; that, fortified by Thee without and within, I may by a straight way arrive at Thy kingdom, where, not as now in mysteries, but face to face, we shall behold Thee; when Thou shalt have delivered up the kingdom to God Thy Father, and shalt be God All in all. Then shalt Thou satisfy me with Thyself by a wondrous fulness, so that I shall never hunger nor thirst any more for ever. Who with the same God the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

DAILY.

O GRACIOUS Lord Jesus Christ, I, a sinner, nothing presuming on my own deserts, but trusting in Thy mercy and goodness, with fear and trembling approach to the Table of Thy most sweet Feast. For my heart and body are stained with many sins; my thoughts and lips not diligently guarded. Wherefore, O gracious God, O awful Majesty, in my extremity I turn to Thee, the Fount of Mercy; to Thee I hasten to be healed, and take refuge under Thy protection; and Thee, before whom as my Judge I cannot stand, I long for as my Saviour. To Thee, O Lord, I show my wounds, to Thee I lay bare my shame. I know my sins are many and great, for which I am afraid. My trust is in Thy mercies, of which there is no end. Look therefore upon me with the eyes of Thy mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ, God and Man, crucified for man; hearken unto me, whose trust is in Thee; have mercy upon me, who am full of sin and misery, O Thou fount of mercy, that wilt never cease to flow. Hail, saving Victim, offered for me and all mankind on the Cross of suffering and shame. Hail, noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the whole world. Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy creature, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thine own Blood. I repent that I have sinned; I desire to amend what I have done. Take therefore away from me, O most merciful Father, all my iniquities and sins: that, being cleansed both in body and soul, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies; and grant that this holy feeding on Thy Body and Blood, of which, unworthy as I am, I purpose to partake, may be for the remission of my sins, and the perfect cleansing of all my offences, for the driving away of all evil thoughts and the renewal of all holy desires, for the healthful bringing forth of fruit well-pleasing unto Thee, and the most sure protection of my soul and body against the wiles of all my enemies. *Amen.*

Act of Contrition.

I DESIRE, O my Saviour, to humbly offer Thee the sacrifice of a troubled spirit and a contrite heart. I grieve from my inmost heart that I have ever offended Thee by my sins, Thee my God and my chief good, Thee who art so gracious to me, and so oft refreshest me in Thy Blessed Sacrament. I grieve especially for the sins of . . . . which Thou knowest, Thou Searcher of our hearts, and which I, a miserable sinner, do confess in the bitterness of my soul. Would that I had never offended Thee! Yet a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise; Thou who for love of us didst give to us Thine Only-Begotten Son, to wash us from our sins in His own Blood.

Resolution of Amendment.

I DESIRE, O Lord, earnestly longing for the help of Thy grace, to renew all my Baptismal Vows to Thee, to renounce all that displeaseth Thee, and to walk more perfectly in newness of life. I renounce the devil and all his works and pomps, the glory of the world with all its covetous desires, all sinful excesses in things lawful, and whatever may lead my heart from Thee or hinder my duty towards Thee; also, I renounce all the sinful lusts of the flesh, with everything in thought, word, or deed, which displeaseth Thee, especially . . . , from all which let it be Thy good pleasure to deliver me, and to turn the whole stream of my affections to the love of Thee, that Thy will and Thy love may be the sole rule and guide of my life, and I may love whatever Thou lovest, and hate whatever Thou hatest.

Act of Faith.

OF a truth I firmly believe, O Good Jesus, and with lively faith confess, that Thou Thyself, equal to God the Father in glory and in power, true God and Man, art verily and indeed present in this Sacrament. For Thou, the very Truth itself, hast said, *This is My Body*, *This is My Blood.* I believe whatever the Son of God hath said. Nothing can be truer than this word of Him who is the Truth. I do believe, Lord; help mine unbelief, increase my faith.

Act of Hope.

O CHRIST Jesus, I am sinful dust and ashes, but Thou callest to Thee all who labor and are burdened, that Thou mayest refresh them. Art not Thou my Refuge? To whom else shall I go? Thou hast the words of eternal life, Thou alone canst comfort me in every trouble. Lord, I am weak and sick, but Thou art my salvation. Those who are well need not a physician, but those who are sick. Therefore I come to Thee, my Physician and my Refuge, hoping that this Communion may be to me the increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity; a firm defence against the snares of my enemies; a help to the removal of the fault and defect of . . . , and to the bringing forth of works well-pleasing unto Thee, especially . . . , and a pledge of future glory. This is the hope and desire which I cherish in my heart, for Thou art compassionate and of tender mercy, and in all Thy promises most faithful.

Act of Love.

O MOST Sweet Saviour, Jesus Christ, how great was Thy love, which drew Thee from the bosom of the Father to this vale of tears, to take our flesh and endure infinite miseries and wrongs, yea, even the death of the Cross, and that only for us miserable sinners and for our salvation. O how great was Thy love! Thou mightest have condemned us, and Thou didst rather choose to save us: we were guilty, and Thou, the sinless One, didst endure our punishment to set us free. Out of love it was that Thou camest down to take our flesh; and when about to depart from this world to the Father, Thou didst leave to us this Sacrament as a pledge of Thy love, that after a new and wondrous manner Thou mightest abide with us for ever; Thou whose delights are to be with the children of men. O Lord, how worthy art Thou of love, who dost so much for love of us! Wherefore I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength, my Refuge, and my Deliverer. O God, Thou art true Love! He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in Thee. I desire to receive Thee in this Sacrament, that I may be more firmly united with Thee in the bond of love. Who shall separate me from the love of Christ my Saviour? O that neither life, nor death, nor any creature may have power to do so.

Act of Humility.

HOW dare I venture to approach to Thee, O Lord? Art not Thou, O God, my Lord, my Creator, my Redeemer, the King of heaven and earth? And who am I? A poor worm of earth, and, what is yet more unworthy, so often a disobedient and ungrateful sinner against Thee! Of a truth, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; yet remember, O Lord, that although Thou wast Lord of all, yet didst Thou take upon Thee the form of a servant, and coming unto us didst converse familiarly with publicans and sinners; and lastly didst humble Thyself and become obedient unto death. Let that Thy humility move Thee, I beseech Thee, not to despise me, vile and worthless as I am, but graciously to come unto me, and mercifully to receive me, who come to Thee

Act of Reparation.

O LORD, my God and Saviour, who, as Thou didst endure for our salvation the outrages of those who crucified Thee, so now deignest to bear with those who by careless or unworthy Communions approach and touch Thee, not discerning Thee, and endurest all irreverences rather than withhold Thy sacred Presence from our Altars: I bewail these indignities, and most earnestly desire to prevent, to the utmost of my power, whatever thus still grieves Thee. I beseech Thee, accept this sorrow and this desire as the only offering I can make in reparation of so great dishonour. O Lord, increase our faith, and preserve us from the least profanation of this adorable Mystery, and kindle in me and in the hearts of all Thy people, especially of all who celebrate or assist in Its ministration, such reverence and devotion that Thy most holy name may more and more be honored and glorified in this Sacrament of love. *Amen.*

Aspirations.

O LORD Jesus, what great things hast Thou done, and what didst Thou suffer, out of the power of Thy boundless love towards me! But what return have I made? and what return shall I make?

I am sorry from the bottom of my heart that I have ever offended Thee, who hast so greatly loved me.

I believe in Thee with a lively faith, O eternal Truth! because Thou art Thyself God and Man, my Lord and Saviour.

I hope in Thee, O Lord, O only Hope, and true Salvation of my soul.

I love Thee, O my sovereign Good! O that I may love Thee above all things with my whole heart! O may the burning power of Thy love absorb me, that nothing may ever separate me from the love of Christ Jesus, my Saviour!

For what have I in heaven but Thee? and beside Thee what do I desire upon earth?

As the hart panteth after the water-springs, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that Thou visitest him?

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

O MOST Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of gentleness and mercy, I, a miserable and unworthy sinner, fly to thy protection with every sentiment of humility and love; and I implore of thy loving-kindness that thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to be near me, and all who throughout the whole Church are to receive the Body and Blood of thy Son this day, even as thou wert near thy sweetest Son as He hung bleeding on the Cross. That, aided by thy gracious help, we may worthily offer up a pure and acceptable sacrifice in the sight of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. *Amen.*

TO ST. JOSEPH.(1)

HAPPY and blessed art thou, O Joseph, to whom it was given not only to see and to hear that God whom many kings desired to see, and saw not, to hear, and heard not; but also to bear Him in thine arms, to embrace Him, to clothe Him, and to guard and defend Him.

V. Pray for us, O Blessed Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast given unto us a royal Priesthood, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, that as Blessed Joseph was found worthy to handle with his hands, and bear within his arms, Thine Only-begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary, so may we be made fit, by cleanness of heart and innocency of works, to wait upon Thy Holy Altars; that we may worthily receive the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son, now in this present, and deserve to attain an everlasting reward in the world to come. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECTION OF THE INTENTION.

I INTEND to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Rite of the holy Roman Church, to the praise of Almighty God and of the whole Court of Heaven; for my benefit, and that of the whole Church on earth; for all those who have commended themselves unto my prayers, in general and in particular; and for the happy estate of the holy Roman Church.

JOY with peace, amendment of life, space for true repentance, the grace and comfort of the Holy Ghost, perseverance in good works, a contrite and humble heart, and a happy consummation of my life, grant unto me, O Almighty and merciful Lord. *Amen.*

[FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PRAY IN THEIR OWN WORDS.

Reflect on the events of the period since your last Communion. Consider:

WHAT YOU HAVE SPECIALLY TO BE THANKFUL FOR—

The mercies you have enjoyed.

(In home life; the love of friends; success in business, and the like; spiritual blessings, etc.)

Any troubles which have been averted.

(Dangers to which you have been exposed; causes of anxiety which have been removed, etc.)

Any sorrows or troubles which have fallen upon you.

(Trace God's hand in them, trusting that He has some merciful design in them, so that you can *thank* Him for them.)

WHAT YOU HAVE SPECIALLY TO PRAY FOR—

For the Church of Christ.

(The Pope, the whole Hierarchy, your own Bishop, the Clergy with whom you are specially concerned, Missions, etc.)

For your country.

(The President and his Counsellors, Congress, the Governor, etc.; national dangers to be averted, etc.)

For your relatives, friends, and acquaintances.

(Any who are sick or in sorrow; any for whom you desire God's guidance in religious or worldly affairs. Think whether any one has any special claim upon you. Have you injured any one? If so, have you made all the reparation in your power? Has any one injured you, having thus a special need for your prayers? The Souls in Purgatory—have you to pray especially for some of these?)

For yourself.

(Sins to be forgiven. What are your chief temptations just now? What sins and faults do you most need aid against? What Christian virtues are you chiefly deficient in? Are there any business affairs, or undertakings of any kind, or expected events, upon which you desire to ask God's blessing? etc.)

When the bell rings at the Domine non sum dignus, *go up to the Altar-rail, and kneel there with ungloved and folded hands. Renew with all possible fervor your contrition of heart, while the* Confiteor *is recited by the acolyte, and the* Misereatur *and* Indulgentiam *pronounced by the Priest. When the Sacred Host is presented to you, receive It on your tongue lightly resting on the lower lip. Say in your heart the words which the Priest uses:* The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. *Retire to your place with recollection and* *holy modesty, and remain for some time kneeling, in silent communing with your heavenly Guest. Do not be too anxious to use your Prayer-book; it is far better for a while to meditate upon the Sacred Mysteries which you have received, using the unspoken sentiments of the soul. Let not this precious time be wasted, however; should attention flag and distractions arise, have immediate recourse to the following prayers.*

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION.

Antiphon. Of the Three Children.

The Benedicite.

ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless the Lord: praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, O ye Heavens.

O all ye Waters that are above the Heavens, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, O all ye Powers of the Lord.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, O ye Stars of Heaven.

O every Shower and Dew, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, O all ye Spirits of God.

O ye Fire and Heat, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, O ye Cold and Heat.

O ye Dews and Hoarfrost, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, O ye Frost and Cold.

O ye Ice and Snow, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, O ye Nights and Days.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless the Lord: bless the Lord, O ye Lightnings and Clouds.

O let the Earth bless the Lord: let it praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless the Lord : bless the Lord, O all ye things that spring up in the earth.

O ye Fountains, bless the Lord : bless the Lord, O ye Seas and Rivers.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless the Lord : bless the Lord, O all ye Fowls of the air.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless the Lord : bless the Lord, O ye Sons of men.

O let Israel bless the Lord : let them praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord : bless the Lord, O ye Servants of the Lord.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Just, bless the Lord : bless the Lord, O ye holy and humble of heart.

O Ananiah, Azariah, and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost : let us praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the Firmament of Heaven : and worthy to be praised and glorified, and exalted above all for ever.

Psalm 150.

PRAISE the Lord in His holy places : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His mighty acts : praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet : praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with timbrel and choir : praise Him with strings and organs.

Praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals : praise

Him upon cymbals of joy : let every spirit praise the Lord. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Antiphon. Let us sing the song of the Three Children, which the holy souls sang in the fiery furnace, blessing the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. Let all Thy works, O Lord, praise Thee.
R. And let Thy Saints bless Thee.
V. The Saints shall rejoice in glory.
R. They shall be joyful in their beds.
V. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us.
R. But unto Thy name give the glory.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for the Three Children didst assuage the flames of fire : mercifully grant that the flames of sin may not consume us Thy servants.

DIRECT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy inspiration, and further them with Thy continual help ; that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from Thee, and through Thee be brought to an end.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, to extinguish within us the flames of sin; Thou who didst grant to Blessed Lawrence grace to arise whole from his fiery torments. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Preserver of souls and the Redeemer of the world, look favorably upon me, Thy servant, prostrate before Thy Majesty, and most graciously accept this Sacrifice at which, in honor of Thy name, I have been present, for the saving health of the faithful, living as well as departed, as also for all my sins and offences. Take away Thine anger from me: grant Thy grace and mercy unto me; open unto me the gates of Paradise; deliver me by Thy power from all evils; and whatever guilt I have of my own sinfulness incurred, do Thou graciously forgive; and make me so to persevere in Thy precepts in this world that I may be rendered worthy to be joined to the company of Thine elect; of Thine only gift, O my God, whose blessed name, honor, and dominion endureth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

I render thanks to Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed, not for any merits of mine, but of Thy great mercy only, to feed me a sinner, Thine unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation. Let it be unto me an armor of faith and a shield of good purpose, a riddance of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires; an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and of all virtues; a firm defence against the wiles of all my enemies, visible and invisible; a perfect quieting of all my impulses, fleshly and spiritual; a cleaving unto Thee, the one true God; and a blessed consummation of my end when Thou dost call. And I pray that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring me a sinner to that unspeakable Feast where Thou, with Thy Son and Thy Holy Spirit, art to Thy holy ones true light, fulness of blessedness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. BONAVENTURE.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus Christ, transfix the affections of my inmost soul with that most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, serene, holiest Apostolic charity, that my soul may ever languish and melt with entire love and longing for Thee, that it may desire Thee, and faint for Thy courts, long to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the Bread of Angels, the Refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supersubstantial Bread, who hast all sweetness and savor, and the sweetness of every taste. Let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the Angels desire to look, and my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor. May it ever thirst for Thee, the Fountain of life, the Source of wisdom and knowledge, the Fountain of eternal light, the Torrent of pleasure, the Richness of the House of God. May it ever yearn for Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, stretch towards Thee, attain to Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy holy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with readiness and affection, with perseverance even unto the end. And be Thou ever my hope and my whole confidence; my riches; my delight, my pleasure, and my joy; my rest and tranquillity; my peace, my sweetness, and my fragrance; my sweet savor, my food and refreshment; my refuge and my help; my wisdom; my portion, my possession, and my treasure, in whom my mind and my heart may ever remain fixed and firm, and rooted immovably, henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

O MOST Holy, O most benign, O noble and glorious Virgin Mary, who wast worthy to bear in thy sacred womb the Creator of all, and at thy virginal breast to nourish Him whose true, real, and most holy Body and Blood I, an unworthy sinner, have just now dared to receive: vouchsafe, I humbly beseech thee, to intercede with Him for me a sinner; that whatsoever, by ignorance or neglect, by accident or irreverence, I have left undone, or have done amiss, in this unspeakably holy Sacrifice, may be pardoned through thy prayers to the same our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth world without end. *Amen.*

ASPIRATIONS.

WHO art Thou, O Lord, and what am I? Dost Thou come unto me, O King most High, even to the very lowest of Thy servants?

Behold, O Lord, I now have Thee, who hast all things: I possess Thee, who possessest all things and canst do all things; therefore, O my God and my All, do Thou wean my heart from all other things beside Thee, for in them there is nothing but vanity and weariness of spirit; on Thee alone may my heart be fixed; in Thee be my rest, for in Thee is my treasure, in Thee are sovereign truth, true happiness, and eternal life.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of Thy presence. May it taste how sweet Thou art, O Lord, that, drawn by love of Thee, it may seek for nothing wherein to rejoice out of Thee; for Thou art the joy of my heart, and my God, and my portion for ever.

Thou art the Physician of my soul, who with Thine own stripes hast healed our sickness. I am that sick soul whom Thou camest from heaven to heal; heal my soul, therefore, for I have sinned against Thee.

Thou art the Good Shepherd who hast laid down Thy life for Thy sheep. Behold, I am that sheep which was lost, and yet Thou dost vouchsafe to feed me with Thy Body and Blood; lay me now upon Thy shoulders. What wilt Thou refuse me, who hast given Thyself unto me? O be Thou my Shepherd, and I shall lack nothing in the green pasture wherein Thou feedest me, until I am brought to the pastures of eternal life.

O Thou true Light, which enlightenest every man who cometh into the world, enlighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

O Fire continually burning, and never failing! behold how lukewarm and cold I am; O do Thou inflame my reins and my heart, that they may be on fire with the love of Thee. For Thou camest to send fire on the earth, and what wilt Thou but that it be kindled?

O King of Heaven and earth, rich in pity! behold, I am poor and needy; Thou knowest what I most require; Thou alone art able to enrich and help me; help me, O God, and out of the treasure of Thy goodness succor Thou my needy soul.

O my Lord and my God! behold, I am Thy servant: give me understanding and kindle my affections, that I may know and do Thy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, who takest away the sins of the world; take away from me whatever hurteth me and displeaseth Thee; and give me what Thou knowest to be pleasing to Thee and good for me.

Thou art my love and all my joy; Thou art my God and my all; Thou art the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; Thou art He that will restore my inheritance unto me.

O my God and my All! may the sweet and burning power of Thy love, I beseech Thee, so absorb my soul, that I may die unto the world for the love of Thee, who for the love of me hast vouchsafed to die upon the Cross, O my God and my All.

Lord, if I had lived innocently, I could not have deserved to receive the crumbs that fall from Thy Table. How great is Thy mercy, who hast feasted me with the Bread of Virgins, with the Wine of Angels, with Manna from heaven!

O when shall I pass from this dark glass, from this veil of Sacraments, to the vision of Thy eternal light; from eating Thy Body, to beholding Thy face in Thy eternal kingdom?

Let not my sins crucify the Lord of life again; let it never be said of me, *The hand of him who betrayeth Me is with Me on the table.*

O that I might love Thee as well as ever any creature loved Thee! Let me think nothing but Thee, desire nothing but Thee, enjoy nothing but Thee.

O Jesus, be a Jesus unto me. Thou art all things unto me. Let nothing ever please me but what savors of Thee and Thy miraculous sweetness.

Blessed be the mercies of our Lord, who of God is made unto me wisdom, and justice, and sanctification, and redemption. Let him who glorieth glory in the Lord. *Amen.*

Adore and Magnify the Lord.

O LORD Jesus, sweetest Guest, mayest Thou have come happily to me, Thy poor and humble servant. Mayest Thou have entered in blessing under this mean and lowly roof. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the highest, for that Thou hast come into my heart, Thou Day-spring from on high. O King of peace, drive from my heart all vain and idle thoughts, that my soul may be able to imitate and to love Thee only, the Author of peace. For what beside Thee, O Thou peace, Thou calm and sweetness of my heart, should my soul seek for or desire?

Pray for Grace.

GRANT me Thy grace, most merciful Jesus, that it may be with me, and work with me, and continue with me even to the end. Grant me ever to will and to desire what is most pleasing unto Thee. Let Thy will be mine, and my will ever follow Thine in perfect agreement with it, that so I may neither choose nor reject, save what Thou choosest and rejectest.

Grant me to die to all that is in the world, and for love of Thee to be content to be despised and unknown in this life. Grant me, above all objects of desire, to rest in Thee, and to still my heart to perfect peace in Thee. For Thou art the true peace of the heart, Thou art its only rest, and out of Thee all is restless and unquiet. In this peace, that is in Thyself alone, my chief and eternal good, may I lay me down and take my rest. *Amen.*

Give Thanks.

WHAT shall I render unto Thee, O Lord Jesus, for all that Thou hast done unto me, and on this day especially? In Thy care for me Thou hast given me Thy Body for my food, and Thy Blood for my drink, and both for a pledge of future glory. Would that my lips might be opened, and my mouth filled with Thy praise, that I might sing of Thy glory and of Thy greatness all the day long, and tell of all Thy wondrous works. O my soul, magnify the Lord, from whom thou hast received blessings so many and so great; and rejoice, my spirit, in God thy Saviour: for He hath looked down on my lowliness; and the Mighty One hath done great things for me, and hath filled me, when hungry, with good things.

Let my words please Thee, O Lord; my joy shall be in Thee, and I will be exercised in Thy commandments. Hold Thou me by my right hand, and guide me by Thy will, that Thou mayest afterwards receive me with Thy glory; for Thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Offer to God the Father His Son Jesus Christ.

O MOST Merciful Father, who hast so loved me as to give to me Thine Only-begotten Son for my food and drink, and with Him all things, look upon the Face of Thine Anointed, in whom Thou art well pleased. This Thy Beloved Son, and with Him my heart, I offer and present to Thee for all the blessings Thou hast this day given me. Mayest Thou, O Father, be now well pleased in Him, and through Him turn away Thine indignation from me.

Behold the One Mediator between God and men, a Man Christ Jesus, my Advocate and High-Priest, who intercedes for me. Him do I offer and plead before Thee, who committed no sin, but bore the sins of the world, and by whose stripes we are healed. Accept, therefore, O Holy Father, this Immaculate Victim, to the honor and glory of Thy name, in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits bestowed upon me, in remission also of my sins, and supply of all my defects and shortcomings.

O Blessed Virgin, Mother of my God and Saviour, recommend my petitions to thy Son. O all ye Angels and Saints, citizens of heaven, join also your prayers with mine. Ye stand always before the Throne, and see Him face to face, whom I here receive under veils. Be ever mindful of me, and obtain from Him and through Him that with you I may bless Him and love Him for ever. *Amen.*

Offer Yourself to Christ.

O LORD, for that I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid, I therefore renounce the devil and all his works and pomps; all the vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh. Thou alone art the God of my heart; Thou, O God, art my portion for ever. Thou art the portion of my inheritance and of my cup. Thou art He that will restore my inheritance unto me. Do Thou therefore take for

Thine own the whole powers of my soul, my memory, my intellect, and all my will. All that I am, and all that I have, Thou hast bestowed upon me: therefore I give back all to Thee, and surrender it to be wholly governed by Thy sovereign will. Grant me but grace to love Thee alone, and I am rich enough and ask no more.

Here may be said the Tantum Ergo (*p.* [illegible]), *the* Lauda Sion (*p. 632*), *the* Pange Lingua (*p* 627), *or any other Hymn in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.*

A PRAYER(i)

To which Pope Pius VII. has annexed a Plenary Indulgence, which all the faithful may obtain who, after having confessed their sins with contrition, and received the Holy Communion, shall devoutly recite it before an image or representation of Christ crucified.

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of Faith, Hope, and Charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious Wounds; having before my eyes that which David spake in prophecy: *They have pierced my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones.*

The Devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration.

THIS Devotion, known in Italy as the *Quarant' ore*, continues for Forty Hours, in memory of the forty hours during which the Body of our Lord remained in the Sepulchre. It was begun at Milan in 1534, and was introduced into Rome by St. Philip Neri in 1548, and sanctioned by Pope Clement VIII., who issued a solemn Bull respecting it, November 25, 1592.

The devotion owes its origin to Father Joseph, a Capuchin friar at Milan. In the year 1534 the city of Milan was suffering all the horrors attendant on war, and was reduced almost to despair, when Father Joseph called upon the citizens to raise their eyes from the miseries around them, and look up to heaven for succor, assuring them, on the part of God, that if they would give themselves to fervent prayer for forty hours, their city and their country would be liberated from the devastations of their enemies. The citizens obeyed the call. The Forty Hours' Prayer commenced in the Cathedral, and was taken up by the other churches of the city in rotation. The people meanwhile attended with fervor at the appointed prayers, and approached with great devotion the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. Heaven did not delay to fulfil the assurance given by the pious servant of God; for in a short time the Emperor Charles V. and Francis, King of France, were seen at the gate of Milan arranging the articles of peace.

To promote this devotion Pope Clement VIII. granted a Plenary Indulgence to all such as, confessing their sins and receiving Holy Communion, should visit any church or chapel where this devotion was being performed.

To gain this Indulgence it is required (1) to visit the Blessed Sacrament once during the three days of Exposition; and (2) to receive Holy Communion on the day preceding, or on one of the three days, but not necessarily in the same church or chapel in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Pope Paul V. also granted an Indulgence of ten years and ten *quadragenæ* for every Visit made to the Blessed Sacrament thus exposed.

These Indulgences are applicable to the Souls in Purgatory.

The forms of prayers used in this devotion are, the Litany of the Saints, Collects, etc., as given on *page 256;* to which may be added the Litany of the Holy Name (*p. 60*), the Litany of the Blessed Virgin (*p. 65*), the *Miserere* (*p. 249*), and the *Te Deum* (*p. 160*).

A VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

AN ACT OF ADORATION TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.

I MOST humbly adore Thee, O uncreated Father, and Thee, O Only-begotten Son, and Thee, O Holy Ghost the Paraclete, one Almighty, Everlasting, and Unchangeable God, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I acknowledge in Thee a true and ineffable Trinity of Persons, a true and indivisible Unity of Substance. I glorify Thee, O Almighty Trinity, one only Deity, my most compassionate Lord, my sweetest hope, my dearest light, my most desired repose, my joy, my life, and all my good. To Thy most merciful goodness I commend my soul and body; to Thy most sacred Majesty I wholly devote myself, and to Thy divine will I resign and yield myself eternally. All honor and glory be to Thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, O most forgiving Father, O Lord God, have mercy upon me a wretched sinner, have mercy upon all men. In fullest reparation, expiation, and satisfaction for all my iniquities and negligences, and for the sins of the whole world, and perfectly to supply the deficiency of my works, I offer unto Thee Thy Beloved Son, Christ Jesus, in union with that sovereign charity with which Thou didst send Him to us, and didst give Him to us as our Saviour. I offer His transcendent virtues, and all that He did and suffered for us. I offer His labors, sorrows, torments, and most Precious Blood. I offer the merits of the most Blessed Virgin Mary and of all Thy Saints. Assist me, I beseech Thee, O most merciful Father, through the same Thy Son, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit. Have mercy on all unhappy sinners, and graciously call them back to the way of salvation. Grant to all the living pardon and grace, and to the faithful departed eternal light and rest. *Amen.*

O HOLY Spirit, sweetest Comforter, who proceedest from the Father and the Son in an ineffable manner, come, I beseech Thee, and enter into my heart. Purify and cleanse me from all sin, and sanctify my soul. Wash away its defilements, moisten its dryness, heal its wounds, subdue its stubbornness, melt its coldness, and correct its wanderings. Make me truly humble and resigned, that I may be pleasing unto Thee, and Thou mayest abide with me for ever. O most blessed Light, O Light worthy of all love, enlighten me. O Joy of Paradise, O fount of purest delights, O my God, give Thyself to me, and kindle in my inmost soul the fire of Thy love. O my Lord, instruct, direct, and defend me in all things. Give me strength against all undue fears and a cowardly spirit; bestow upon me a right Faith, a firm Hope, and a sincere and perfect Charity; and grant that I may ever do Thy most gracious will. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI.(1)

LORD Jesus Christ, who, through the love which Thou bearest to men, dost remain with them, day and night, in this Sacrament, full of mercy and of love, expecting, inviting, and receiving all who come to visit Thee: I believe that Thou art present in the Sacrament of the Altar. From the abyss of my nothingness I adore Thee, and I thank Thee for all the graces which Thou hast bestowed upon me, particularly for having given me Thyself in this Sacrament, for having given me for my advocate Thy most holy Mother, Mary, and for having called me to visit Thee in this church. I pay my homage this day to Thy most loving Heart, and I do so, first, in thanksgiving for this great gift itself; secondly, as a reparation for all the injuries which Thou hast received from Thine enemies in this Sacrament; thirdly, I wish, by this visit, to adore Thee in all those places on earth where Thou art Sacramentally present, and in which Thou art the least honored and the most abandoned. My

Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart. I am sorry for having hitherto so many times offended Thine infinite goodness. I purpose, with the assistance of Thy grace, never more to offend Thee; and, at this moment, miserable as I am, I consecrate my whole being to Thee. I give Thee my entire will, all my affections and desires, and all that I have. From this day forward do what Thou wilt with me, and with everything that belongs to me. I ask and desire only Thy holy love, the gift of final perseverance, and the perfect fulfilment of Thy will. I commend to Thee the souls in purgatory, particularly those who were most devoted to the most Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin Mary; and I also commend to Thee all poor sinners. Finally, my dear Saviour, I unite all my affections with the affections of Thy most loving Heart; and, thus united, I offer them to Thine Eternal Father, and I entreat Him, in Thy name and for Thy sake, to accept and answer them. *Amen.*

The Prayer Look down, O Lord (*p. 90*), *may be used here.*

AN ACT OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

O JESUS, Only Son of the Living God, who, by an incomprehensible effect of Thy love, wast pleased to be made Man, to be born in a stable, to live amidst labors and sufferings, to die upon a Cross, and to leave us, as a perpetual pledge of Thy tenderness, Thine own Body and Blood for the nourishment of our souls, in the ineffable Sacrament of the Eucharist: Thou beholdest at Thy feet a criminal covered with confusion, who comes, in the spirit of union with all the associates in the adoration of Thy divine Heart, humbly to confess his ingratitude, his iniquities, and those of all other men, that he may make reparation for them as far as in him lies.

Alas! O loving Jesus, we have sinned against heaven and before Thee. What hath Thy most Sacred Heart not suffered on our part in the course of Thy sacred life, in Thy bitter Passion, and from the moment that Thou hast dwelt amongst us in the Sacrament of Thy Love! O with how much bitterness, opprobrium, and grief have we deluged Thy divine Heart! Pardon; mercy; O adorable Heart of Jesus! mercy for me, mercy for all men, and for our land in particular!

I detest, with all the sincerity of my soul, and with the most profound and bitter grief, everything which hath ever offended Thee in myself or in others; I detest it for the love Thou deservest, and which is supremely due unto Thee. O that I could efface with my tears, and wash away with my blood, the injuries which we have done unto Thee. O that I could repay Thee, by my repentance, by my works, and by my love, all the glory, honor, and satisfaction of which Thou hast been robbed by the injuries and outrages that have been committed against Thee! Accept at least the earnest desire with which Thou inspirest me.

Vouchsafe, O Heart infinitely rich in mercy, to light again in my heart and that of all men the sacred fire which Thou camest to kindle upon the earth. Let it purify them, let it inflame them, let it make of them one heart with Thy Heart. Pour down, I beseech Thee, Thy most precious and abundant benedictions on Thy holy Church, and those who govern it; on this diocese, on this region, and on all those who are united with us in devotion to Thy Sacred Heart. O Heart of Jesus, live, reign in all hearts, for time and for eternity. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

TO Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, do I devote and offer up my life, my thoughts, my words, my actions, and my sufferings. May my whole being be no longer employed but in loving and serving and glorifying Thee. O Sacred Heart, be Thou henceforth the sole object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, and my refuge at the hour of my death. Plead for me, O blessed and adorable Heart, at the Bar of Divine Justice, and screen me from the anger which my sins deserve. Imprint Thyself like a Seal upon my heart, that I may never be separated from Thee. May my name also be ever engraven upon Thee, and may I ever be consecrated to Thy glory, ever burning with the flames of Thy Love, and entirely penetrated with it for all eternity. This is all my desire, to live in Thee. One thing have I sought of the Lord, and this will I seek, that I may dwell in the Heart of my Lord all the days of my life.

A PRAYER TO THE ETERNAL FATHER.

O ETERNAL Father, let me offer up unto Thy mercy the Sacred Heart of Thy dearly-beloved Son, even as He offered Himself up a Sacrifice to Thy Justice.

Accept, on my behalf, all the thoughts, sentiments, affections, motions, and all the actions of this Sacred Heart; they are mine, because It was immolated for me; they are mine, because for the future I am resolved to admit nothing into my heart but what hath place in Thine. Receive, then, O God, the merits of this Sacred Heart in satisfaction for my sins, and in thanksgiving for all the benefits conferred upon me. Receive them, O Lord, as so many motives for granting my petitions. Give me, O Lord, for their sake, all the graces I need, but especially the gift of final perseverance. Receive them as so many acts of love, adoration, and praise, which I now offer to Thy divine Majesty. This Sacred Heart, this Heart alone, can love, honor, and glorify Thee as Thou deservest. *Amen.*

A PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR. (i)

HOW boundless, O Jesus, is Thy Love! Thou hast prepared for me, of Thy most precious Body and Blood, a divine Banquet, wherein Thou dost give Thyself to me without reserve. What hath urged Thee to this excess of love? Nothing but Thine own most Loving Heart. O adorable Heart of Jesus, Furnace of divine Love, receive my soul into the wounds of Thy most sacred Passion, that in this school of charity I may learn to make a return of love to that God who hath given me such wonderful proofs of His Love. *Amen.*

JESUS, meek and humble of heart,
Make my heart like unto Thine! (i)

O sweetest Heart of Jesus, I implore
That I may ever love Thee more and more! (i)

O Heart of Jesus, burning with love of me, inflame my heart with the love of Thee! (i)

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, mayest Thou be known, loved, and adored throughout all the world! (i)

O Heart of my dear Redeemer, may the love of Thy friends supply all the injuries and neglects which Thou sustainest!

The Stations of the Cross.(1)

THIS DEVOTION *arose first in Jerusalem, among the Christians who dwelt there, out of veneration for those sacred spots which were sanctified by the sufferings of our Divine Redeemer. From the Holy City this devout exercise was introduced into Europe. When, in* 1342, *the Franciscan Fathers established their house in Jerusalem, and undertook the custody of the sacred places of the Holy Land, they began to spread throughout the Catholic world the devotion of the Way of the Cross.*

This excellent devotion has met with the repeated approvals of the Holy See, and is enriched with many Indulgences; to gain them, it is necessary to meditate, according to individual ability, on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to go from one Station to another, if the space and number of persons will admit.

METHOD OF PRACTISING THIS EXERCISE,

COMPOSED BY ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, A.D. 1787.

Let each one, kneeling before the High Altar make an Act of Contrition, and form the intention of gaining the Indulgences, whether for himself or for the souls in Purgatory. Then say:

My Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, and I have so many times unworthily abandoned Thee; but now I love Thee with my whole heart, and because I love

Thee I repent sincerely for having ever offended Thee. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany Thee on this journey. Thou goest to die for love of me; I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of Thee. My Jesus, I will live and die always united to Thee.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.*

FIRST STATION.

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the Cross.

MY adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate; no, it was my sins that condemned Thee to die. I beseech Thee, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul in her journey towards eternity. I love Thee, my beloved Jesus; I love Thee more than myself; I repent with my whole heart of having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

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* *While passing from one Station to another, a verse of the* Stabat Mater (*p. 617*) *is frequently sung.*

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me :
Ah ! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.

SECOND STATION.

JESUS IS MADE TO BEAR HIS CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, in making this journey with the Cross on His shoulders, thought of us, and for us offered to His Father the death He was about to undergo.

MY most beloved Jesus, I embrace all the tribulations Thou hast destined for me until death. I beseech Thee, by the merits of the pain Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy Cross, to give me the necessary help to carry mine with perfect patience and resignation. I love Thee, Jesus my love ; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me :
Ah ! let me bear Thee company ;
I wish to die with Thee.

THIRD STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME UNDER HIS CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider this first fall of Jesus under His Cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges, His head crowned with thorns, and He had lost a great quantity of blood. He was so weakened that He could scarcely walk, and yet He had to carry this great load upon His shoulders. The soldiers struck Him rudely, and thus He fell several times in His journey.

MY Jesus, it is not the weight of the Cross, but of my sins, which has made Thee suffer so much pain. Ah! by the merits of this first fall, deliver me from the misfortune of falling into mortal sin. I love Thee, O my Jesus, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.

FOURTH STATION.

JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Jesus and Mary looked at each other, and their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

MY most loving Jesus, by the sorrow that Thou didst experience in this meeting, grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for Thy most holy Mother. And thou, my Queen, who wast overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me, by thy intercession, a continual and tender remembrance of the Passion of thy Son. I love Thee, Jesus my love ; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me :
Ah ! let me bear Thee company ;
I wish to die with Thee.

FIFTH STATION.

THE CYRENIAN HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how the Jews, seeing that at each step Jesus from weakness was on the point of expiring, and fearing that He would die on the way, when they wished Him to die the ignominious death of the Cross, constrained Simon the Cyrenian to carry the Cross behind our Lord.

MY most beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the Cross as the Cyrenian did; I accept it—I embrace it. I accept in particular the death Thou hast destined for me, with all the pains which may accompany it; I unite it to Thy death—I offer it to Thee. Thou hast died for love of me; I will die for love of Thee, and to please Thee. Help me by Thy grace. I love Thee, Jesus my love; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.

SIXTH STATION.

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so afflicted, and His face bathed in sweat and blood, presented Him with a towel, with which He wiped His adorable face, leaving on it the impression of His holy countenance.

MY most beloved Jesus, Thy face was beautiful before, but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, and wounds and blood have disfigured it. Alas! my soul also was once beautiful, when it received Thy grace in Baptism; but I have disfigured it since by my sins. Thou alone, my Redeemer, canst restore it to its former beauty. Do this by Thy passion, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me :
Ah ! let me bear Thee company
I wish to die with Thee.

SEVENTH STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the second fall of Jesus under the Cross—a fall which renews the pain of all the wounds of the head and members of our afflicted Lord.

MY most gentle Jesus, how many times Thou hast pardoned me, and how many times have I fallen again, and begun again to offend Thee! Oh! by the merits of this new fall, give me the necessary helps to persevere in Thy grace until death. Grant that in all temptations which assail me I may always commend myself to Thee. I love Thee, Jesus my love, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah ! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.

EIGHTH STATION.

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how those women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus in such a pitiable state, streaming with blood, as He walked along. But Jesus said to them: *Weep not for Me, but for your children.*

MY Jesus, laden with sorrows, I weep for the offences I have committed against Thee, because of the pains they have deserved, and still more because of the displeasure they have caused Thee, who hast loved me so much. It is Thy love, more than the fear of hell, which causes me to weep for my sins. My Jesus, I love Thee more than myself; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.

NINTH STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of His executioners excessive, who tried to hasten His steps when He had scarcely strength to move.

AH, my outraged Jesus, by the merits of the weakness Thou didst suffer in going to Calvary, give me strength sufficient to conquer all human respect, and all my wicked passions, which have led me to despise Thy friendship. I love Thee, Jesus my love, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company
I wish to die with Thee.

TENTH STATION.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the violence with which the executioners stripped Jesus. His inner garments adhered to His torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Compassionate your Saviour thus cruelly treated, and say to Him:

MY innocent Jesus, by the merits of the torment Thou has felt, help me to strip myself of all affection to things of earth, in order that I may place all my love in Thee, who art so worthy of my love. I love thee, O Jesus, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
  For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
  I wish to die with Thee.

ELEVENTH STATION.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, after being thrown on the Cross, extended His hands, and offered to His Eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation. These barbarians fastened Him with nails, and then, raising the Cross, allowed Him to die with anguish on this infamous gibbet.

MY Jesus! loaded with contempt, nail my heart to Thy feet, that it may ever remain there, to love Thee, and never quit Thee again. I love Thee more than myself; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
  For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
  I wish to die with Thee.

TWELFTH STATION.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how thy Jesus, after three hours' Agony on the Cross, consumed at length with anguish, abandons Himself to the weight of His body, bows His head and dies.

O MY dying Jesus, I kiss devoutly the Cross on which Thou didst die for love of me. I have merited by my sins to die a miserable death, but Thy death is my hope. Ah, by the merits of Thy death, give me grace to die, embracing Thy feet, and burning with love to Thee. I commit my soul into Thy hands. I love Thee with my whole heart ; I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always ; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
  For very love of me :
Ah ! let me bear Thee company ;
  I wish to die with Thee.

THIRTEENTH STATION.

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how, after the death of our Lord, two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Him down from the Cross, and placed Him in the arms of His afflicted Mother, who received Him with unutterable tenderness, and pressed Him to her bosom.

O MOTHER of sorrow, for the love of this Son, accept me for thy servant, and pray to Him for me. And Thou, my Redeemer, since Thou hast died for me, permit me to love Thee; for I wish but Thee, and nothing more. I love Thee, my Jesus, and I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.

FOURTEENTH STATION.

JESUS IS PLACED IN THE SEPULCHRE.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how the disciples carried the body of Jesus to bury it, accompanied by his holy Mother, who arranged it in the sepulchre with her own hands. They then closed the tomb, and all withdrew.

AH, my buried Jesus, I kiss the stone that encloses Thee. But Thou didst rise again the third day. I beseech Thee by Thy Resurrection, make me rise glorious with Thee at the last day, to be always united with Thee in heaven, to praise Thee and love Thee for ever. I love Thee, and I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee ; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me :
Ah ! let me bear Thee company ;
I wish to die with Thee.

After this, return to the High Altar, and say the Our Father, *the* Hail Mary, *and the* Glory be to the Father *five times, in honor of the Passion of Jesus Christ, to gain the other Indulgences granted to those who recite them.*

The Devotion of the Seven Words upon the Cross.(1)

COME unto my help, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The First Word.

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O BELOVED Jesus, who for the love of me didst agonize on the Cross that Thou mightest pay by Thy sufferings the debt due to my sins, and didst open Thy divine mouth to obtain my pardon from eternal Justice: have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood shed for our salvation, give us so lively a sorrow for our sins that we may breathe out our souls into the bosom of Thine infinite mercy.

Glory be to the Father, *three times.*

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I repent of having offended Thee by my sins.

The Second Word.

THIS DAY THOU SHALT BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O BELOVED Jesus, who for the love of me didst agonize on the Cross, and with such readiness and bounty didst respond to the faith of the Good Thief, who in the midst of Thy humiliation acknowledged Thee to be the Son of God: O Thou who didst assure him of Paradise, have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood, revive in our souls a faith so firm and constant that it may not waver at any suggestion of the devil, so that we also may obtain the blessed reward of Heaven.

Glory be to the Father, *three times.*

Have mercy, etc.

The Third Word.

BEHOLD THY SON; BEHOLD THY MOTHER.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O BELOVED Jesus, who for the love of me didst agonize on the Cross, and, forgetting Thy sufferings, didst leave us as a pledge of Thy love Thine own most holy Mother, that through her we might confidently have recourse to Thee in our greatest need: have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the interior martyrdom of this Thy dear Mother, awaken in our hearts a firm hope in the infinite merits of Thy most Precious Blood, that we may avoid the eternal damnation which our sins have deserved.

Glory be to the Father, *three times.*

Have mercy, etc.

The Fourth Word.

MY GOD! MY GOD! WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O BELOVED Jesus, who for the love of me didst agonize on the Cross, and, heaping suffering on suffering, didst endure with infinite patience not only Thy many bodily tortures, but the most heavy affliction of spirit through the Dereliction of Thine Eternal Father: have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood, give us grace to suffer with true patience all the pains and afflictions of our agony, that, uniting them with Thine, we may be partakers of Thy glory in Paradise.

Glory be to the Father, *three times.*

Have mercy, etc.

The Fifth Word.

I THIRST.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O BELOVED Jesus, who didst agonize on the Cross for the love of me, and who, not satisfied with all the ignominy and suffering, wouldst willingly have suffered yet more, so that all men might be saved—as was clearly proved when all the torrents of Thy Passion would not allay the Thirst of Thy tender Heart: have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood, enkindle such a fire of charity in our hearts as may cause them to burn with the desire of uniting themselves to Thee for all eternity.

Glory be to the Father, *three times.*

Have mercy, etc.

The Sixth Word.

IT IS CONSUMMATED.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O BELOVED Jesus, who for the love of me didst agonize on the Cross, and from that Throne of

Truth didst announce the completion of the work of our Redemption, through which, from being the children of wrath and perdition, we are become the children of God and the heirs of Heaven: have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood, detach us entirely from the world and from ourselves, and at the moment of our agony give us grace sincerely to offer Thee the sacrifice of our life in expiation of our sins.

Glory be to the Father, *three times.*

Have mercy, etc.

The Seventh Word.

FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O BELOVED Jesus, who didst agonize on the Cross for the love of me, and who, in completing this great Sacrifice, didst accept the will of Thine Eternal Father, by resigning Thy spirit into His hands, and then bowing Thy Head and dying: have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood, give us, in our agony, an entire conformity to the divine will, that we may be ready either to live or die according as it shall best please Thee, desiring nothing but the accomplishment of Thy blessed will in us.

Glory be to the Father, *three times.*
Have mercy, etc.

A Prayer to our Blessed Lady of Sorrows.

O HOLY Mother, most afflicted by the bitter sorrow which thou didst endure at the foot of the Cross during the Three Hours' Agony of Jesus: vouchsafe to assist all of us, the children of thy sorrows, in our last agony, that through thine intercession we may pass from the bed of death to form a crown for thee in the heavenly Paradise.

Hail Mary, *three times.*
O Mary, Mother of grace,
Mother of mercy,
Protect us from the enemy,
And receive us at the hour of death.(i)
V. From sudden and unlooked-for death,
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From the snares of the devil,
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From everlasting death,
R. O Lord, deliver us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for the salvation of mankind didst give an example and a help in the Passion and Death of Thy Son: grant, we beseech Thee, that in the hour of our death we may experience the effects of this Thy charity, and deserve to be partakers in the glory of Him our Redeemer, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.(i)

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.(1)

THE devotion called the ROSARY consists of fifteen *Pater Nosters* and *Glorias*, and one hundred and fifty *Ave Marias*, to be recited on Indulgenced beads. It is divided into three parts, each containing five *Decades*, or Tens; a Decade consisting of one *Pater*, ten *Aves*, and one *Gloria*.* To each of these Decades is assigned one of the principal Mysteries of the life of our Saviour or of His Blessed Mother, as matter of meditation, whereon the mind is to exercise itself while at prayer, and therefore it is prefixed to every Decade.

The fifteen Mysteries, as we have said, are divided into three parts—viz., five Joyful, five Sorrowful, and five Glorious Mysteries. Now, the method consists in raising corresponding affections in the will during the recital of each Decade, such as the devotion of each one may suggest: for example, in the first part, sentiments of *joy* for the coming of our Redeemer; in the second, of *compassion* for the sufferings of our Lord, and *contrition* for our sins, which were the occasion of them; in the third, of *thanksgiving* for the exaltation and glory of our Saviour and His Blessed Mother, hoping through the merits of His Passion, and her Intercession, to be made partakers of their glory. To assist the mind in this exercise a short Meditation

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It is customary to preface these prayers with the *Apostles' Creed*, one *Pater*, three *Aves*, and one *Gloria*, as in the chaplet introduced by St. Bridget of Sweden.

and prayer are usually given to be used before and after each Decade. In order to say the Rosary well, we should not be satisfied with merely pronouncing the words of the prayers, or with a vague and general reflection on the Mysteries; but we should endeavor to acquire the habit of reciting them with great attention and reverence, at the same time dwelling in a vivid manner upon the different Mysteries. In order to do this the better it is sometimes the custom, in addition to the short meditation on the Mystery (which is usually read before the recital of each Decade, and which contains, either expressed or understood, a prayer for the particular Virtue to which it has relation), to subjoin a short ejaculation in reference to the subject of the Mystery, which may be inserted after the holy name of Jesus in the *Hail Mary*, or to divide the meditation into ten points, one for each *Ave*. The reading of the meditation, ejaculation, or prayer are only pious practices to assist in the more devout recitation of the Rosary, which consists essentially only in the recitation of the vocal prayers while the mind dwells upon the subject of the Mystery contemplated.

THE FORM OF BLESSING ROSARIES.

PROPER TO THE ORDER OF PREACHERS.

The Priest, vested in surplice and white stole, says:

ADJUTORIUM nostrum in nomine Domini.	OUR help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS et misericors Deus, qui propter eximiam charitatem tuam qua dilexisti nos, Filium tuum unigenitum Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum de cœlis in terram descendere, et de Beatissimæ Mariæ Dominæ nostræ utero sacratissimo, Angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere, crucemque ac mortem subire, et tertia die gloriose a mortuis resurgere voluisti, ut nos eriperes de potestate diaboli: obsecramus immensam clementiam tuam, ut hæc signa Rosarii in honorem et laudem ejusdem Genitricis Filii tui ab Ecclesia tua fideli dicata bene✠dicas et sancti✠fices, eisque tantam infundas virtutem Spiritus Sancti, ut quicumque horum quodlibet secum portaverit;

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who, out of the wondrous love whereby Thou hast loved us, that Thou mightest deliver us from the power of the devil, didst will that Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, should come down upon earth, and at the message of an Angel take flesh from the most sacred Womb of our Lady, Blessed Mary, and undergo the death of the Cross, and the third day rise gloriously from the dead: we implore Thine abounding mercy that Thou wouldst bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ these Rosaries, dedicated by Thy faithful Church to the honor and praise of the same Mother of Thy Son, and wouldst so abundantly pour forth upon them the power of

atque in domo sua reverenter tenuerit, et in eis ad te, secundum hujus sanctæ Societatis instituta, divina contemplando mysteria devote oraverit, salubri et perseveranti devotione abundet, sitque consors et particeps omnium gratiarum, privilegiorum et indulgentiarum, quæ eidem Societati per sanctam Sedem Apostolicam concessa fuerunt, ab omni hoste visibili et invisibili semper et ubique in hoc sæculo liberetur, et in exitu suo ab ipsa Beatissima Virgine Maria Dei Genitrice tibi plenus bonis operibus præsentari mereatur. Per eumdem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

the Holy Ghost that whosoever shall carry them about their persons, and shall reverently keep them in their homes, and shall devoutly pray unto Thee, contemplating, according to the institutes of this holy Society, the divine mysteries thereupon, may abound in sound and lasting devotion, and may be sharers and partakers in all the graces, privileges, and indulgences which have been granted to the same Society by the Holy Apostolic See; may at all times and in all places be delivered from every foe, visible and invisible, in this present world, and may finally at the hour of death, full of all good works, be found worthy to be presented unto Thee by the same most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

The Priest then sprinkles the Rosaries with holy water.

A METHOD OF RECITING THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

IN the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

V. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord.

R. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

V. Come unto my help, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

[*From* Septuagesima *to* Easter, *for* Alleluia *say* Praise to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal Glory.]

[At the Cross say the Apostles' Creed: *I believe in God, etc.* On the three small beads say: 1st, *I salute thee, Daughter of God the Father; obtain for us the gift of a firm faith. Hail Mary, etc.* 2d, *I salute thee, Mother of God the Son; obtain for us the gift of constant hope. Hail Mary, etc.* 3d, *I salute thee, Spouse of God the Holy Ghost; obtain for us the gift of an ardent charity. Hail Mary, etc.*]

THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

FOR MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS; THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT, AND THOSE FROM THE EPIPHANY UNTIL LENT.

I. The Annunciation.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted our Blessed Lady with the title, *Full of grace*, and declared unto her the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Queen of Virgins, through the most high Mystery of the Incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, wherein our salvation was begun, obtain for us, through thy most holy intercession, light to understand the greatness of the benefit He hath bestowed upon us, in vouchsafing to become our Brother, and in giving thee, His own beloved Mother, to be our Mother also. *Amen.*

II. The Visitation.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the Angel that her cousin St. Elizabeth had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O HOLY Virgin, spotless Mirror of humility, by that exceeding love which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, through thine intercession, that our hearts being visited by thy divine Son, and freed from all sin, we may praise and give thanks to Him for ever. *Amen.*

III. The Birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of the delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, at midnight, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for Him in the inns of Bethlehem.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O PURE Mother of God, through thy virginal and most joyful delivery, whereby thou gavest to the world thine only Son, our Saviour, obtain for us, we beseech thee, through thine intercession, the grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world that we may become worthy to sing, without ceasing, the mercies of thy Son, and His benefits to us by thee. *Amen.*

IV. The Presentation of our Blessed Lord in the Temple.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her Purification, presented the Child Jesus in the Temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God, with great devotion received Him into his arms.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O HOLY Virgin, most admirable example and pattern of obedience, who didst present the Lord of the Temple in the Temple of God, obtain for us, of thy Blessed Son, that, with holy Simeon and devout Anna, we may praise and glorify Him for ever. *Amen.*

V. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, after having lost her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought Him for the space of three days; and at length found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the Doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O MOST Blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted: by that unspeakable joy wherewith thy soul was filled when at length thou didst find thy dearly-beloved Son in the Temple, teaching in the midst of the Doctors, obtain of Him that we may so seek Him and find Him in His holy Catholic Church as never more to be separated from Him. *Amen.*

Hail, holy Queen, with *V.* and *R.*, and Prayer (p. 79). Or Prayer of Rosary Sunday (p. 773).

THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES.

FOR TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, AND THE SUNDAYS IN LENT.

I. The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the Garden of

Gethsemani that His Body was bathed in a Bloody Sweat, which ran down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O HOLY Virgin, more than martyr, by that ardent prayer which our beloved Saviour poured forth to His Heavenly Father, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that, our passions being subjected to the obedience of reason, we may always, and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the holy will of God. *Amen.*

II. The Scourging of our Blessed Lord at the Pillar.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in the house of Pilate; the number of stripes inflicted upon Him being, it is said, about five thousand.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O MOTHER of God, Fountain of patience, through those stripes thy only and dearly-beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of Him for us grace to mortify our rebellious senses, to avoid the occasion of sin, and to be ready to suffer everything rather than offend God. *Amen.*

III. The Crowning of our Blessed Saviour with Thorns.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan plaited a Crown of

Thorns, and cruelly pressed it on the Sacred Head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O MOTHER of our Eternal Prince, the King of Glory, by those sharp Thorns wherewith His Sacred Head was pierced, we beseech thee to obtain, through thine intercession, that we may be delivered from all emotions of pride, and escape that shame which our sins deserve at the day of judgment. *Amen.*

IV. Jesus carrying His Cross.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore, with most amazing patience, the Cross which was laid upon Him for His greater torment and ignominy.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O HOLY Virgin, model of patience, by the most painful carrying of the Cross, in which thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of Him, through thine intercession, courage and strength to follow His steps, and bear our cross after Him to the end of our lives. *Amen.*

V. The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of His clothes, and His Hands and Feet were cruelly nailed to the Cross, in the presence of His most afflicted Mother.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of God, as the Body of thy beloved Son was for us stretched upon the Cross, so may we offer up our souls and bodies to be crucified with Him, and our hearts to be pierced with grief at His most bitter Passion; and thou, O most sorrowful Mother, graciously vouchsafe to help us, by thy all-powerful prayers, to accomplish the work of our salvation. *Amen.*

Hail, holy Queen, etc. (*p.* 79). Or Prayer (p. 773).

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

FOR WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS, AND THE SUNDAYS FROM EASTER UNTIL ADVENT.

I. The Resurrection of our Lord from the dead.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, Immortal and Impassible.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou didst receive in the Resurrection of thy divine Son, we beseech thee obtain for us of Him that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be wholly employed in seeking the true and solid joys of heaven. *Amen.*

II. The Ascension of Christ into Heaven.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after His Resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by Angels, in the sight of His most holy Mother and His holy Apostles and Disciples.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O MOTHER of God, consoler of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when He ascended into heaven, lifted up His hands and blessed His Apostles, as He departed from them; so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to Him on our behalf, that we may enjoy the benefits of His blessing, and of thine, here on earth, and hereafter in heaven. *Amen.*

III. The Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as He had promised, the Holy

Ghost upon His Apostles, who, after He had ascended, returned to Jerusalem, and continued in prayer and supplication, waiting for the fulfilment of His promise.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O SACRED Virgin, Tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee to obtain, by thine intercession, that this Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon His Apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy, may teach us in this world the true way of salvation, and make us to walk in the way of virtue and good works. *Amen.*

IV. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the Resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto Him, and was by Him taken up into heaven, attended by the holy Angels.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O HOLY Virgin, who, entering the heavenly mansions, didst fill the Angels with joy and man with hope: vouchsafe to intercede for us at the hour of our death, that, being delivered from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully pass out of this earthly estate to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. *Amen.*

V. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven.

LET us contemplate, in this Mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, to the great jubilee and exultation of the whole Court of heaven, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

Our Father. Hail Mary, ten times. *Glory be to the Father.*

Let us pray.

O GLORIOUS Queen of all the heavenly host, we beseech thee to accept these prayers, which, as a Crown of Roses, we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that, by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die within us until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. *Amen.*

Hail, holy Queen, etc. (*p.* 79). Or Prayer (p. 773).

A PRAYER ASCRIBED TO ST. BERNARD.(1)

MEMORARE, O piissima Virgo Maria, non esse auditum a sæculo, quemquam ad tua currentem præsidia, tua implorantem auxilia, tua petentem suffragia, esse derelictum. Ego, tali animatus confidentia, ad te, Virgo

REMEMBER, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thine intercession, was left forsaken. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee,

virginum, Mater, curro. Ad te venio; coram te gemens peccator assisto. Noli, Mater Verbi, verba mea despicere, sed audi propitia et exaudi.

Amen.

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word, despise not my words, but graciously hear and grant my prayer.

Amen.

The Scapular(1)

OF THE CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL.

THE SCAPULAR, *or Little Habit of the Blessed Virgin, is composed of two small square pieces of brown cloth, connected by two cords, and designed to be worn over the shoulders under the ordinary clothing. It was, according to a most authentic tradition, given by our Blessed Lady herself, as a pledge of her love and patronage, to St. Simon Stock, general of the Carmelites, on the 16th of July, A.D. 1251.*

THE FORM OF RECEIVING A PERSON INTO THE CONFRATERNITY OF MT. CARMEL,

AND OF BLESSING AND BESTOWING THE SCAPULAR, OR LITTLE HABIT OF THE SAME.

The Postulant kneels before the Priest, who is vested in surplice and white stole, and the Priest says:

SUSCEPIMUS, Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui; se-

WE have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple;

cundum nomen tuum, Deus, sic et laus tua in fines terræ; justitia plena est dextera tua.	according to Thy name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of justice.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. Salv*um* fac *servum tuum*,	*V.* Save Thy *servant*,
R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.	*R.* O my God, who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de sancto,	*V.* Send *him* help, O Lord, from Thy holy place,
R. Et de Sion tuere *eum*.	*R.* And defend *him* out of Sion.
V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in *eo*.	*V.* Let not the enemy prevail against *him*,
R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei.	*R.* Nor the son of iniquity draw nigh to hurt *him*.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

SUSCIPIAT te Christus in numero fidelium suorum; et nos, licet indigni, te suscipimus in orationibus nostris. Concedat tibi Deus per Unigenitum suum mediatorem Dei et hominum, tempus bene vivendi, locum bene agendi, constantiam bene perseverandi, et ad æternæ vitæ hereditatem feliciter perveniendi; et sicut nos hodie fraterna charitas spiritualiter jungit in terris, ita divina pietas, quæ dilectionis est auctrix et amatrix, nos cum fidelibus suis conjungere dignetur in cœlis. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini,

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum

Let us pray.

MAY Christ receive thee into the number of His faithful people; and we, though unworthy, receive Thee into fellowship in our prayers. May God, through His Only-begotten, the Mediator between God and man, grant thee time for right-living, space for well-doing, steadfastness for truly persevering, and for happily attaining unto the inheritance of everlasting life; and as brotherly love doth now spiritually join us together on earth, so may the Fatherly Love of God, the Author and Nourisher of all love, vouchsafe to number us among His faithful in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Blessed be the name of the Lord

R. Ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

AETERNE Pater, et Omnipotens Deus, qui Unigenitum tuum vestem nostræ mortalitatis induere voluisti: obsecramus immensam tuæ largitatis bene✠dictionem in hoc genus effluere vestimenti, quod sancti Patres ad innocentiæ et humilitatis indicium a renuntiantibus sæculo gestari sanxerunt, et sic ipsum bene✠dicere digneris; ut quicumque eo usus fuerit induere mereatur ipsum Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

R. From this time forth for evermore.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

EVERLASTING Father and Almighty God, who didst will that Thine Only-begotten should put on the garment of our mortal nature: we humbly beseech Thee that upon this form of garment, which, as a sign of innocence and humility, the holy fathers appointed to be worn by those renouncing the world, Thou wouldst pour the boundless riches of Thy Benediction, ✠ and therewith bless ✠ the same; to the end that whosoever shall be clad in it may also be found worthy to put on our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth, etc. *R.* Amen.

Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
SUPPLICITER te, Domine, rogamus, ut super hunc habitum *servo tuo* imponendum bene✠dictio tua benigna descendat, ut sit bene✠dictus, atque divina virtute procul pellantur hostium nostrorum visibilium et invisibilium tela nequissima.	WE humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thy gracious blessing ✠ may descend upon this habit, now to be bestowed upon Thy *servant*, that it may be blessed, ✠ and that the wicked darts of all our enemies, visible and invisible, may be driven far from us by the power of God.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the Scapular with holy water, and, placing it upon the shoulders of the postulant, says:

ACCIPE, *vir* devot*e*, hunc habitum benedictum, precans Sanctissimam Virginem, ut ejus meritis illum perferas sine macula, et te ab omni adversitate defendat, atque ad vitam perducat æternam.	RECEIVE, devout *man*, this blessed Habit; and pray the most Holy Virgin that by her merits thou mayest bear it without stain, and that she may guard thee from all adversity, and bring thee unto life everlasting.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
ADESTO Domine supplicationibus nostris, et *hunc* famul*um tuum*, *quem* Sodalitati sanctæ Religionis Carmelita-	BE favorable, O Lord, unto our supplications, and grant that this Thy *servant*, whom we now receive into the Sodality of

rum sociamus, perpetua tribue firmitate corroborari, ut perseveranti proposito, in omni sanctitate tibi valeat famulari.

the holy Carmelite Order, may be strengthened by Thy continual help; that with abiding purpose *he* may serve Thee in all holiness of life.

PROTEGE, Domine, famul*um tuum* subsidiis pacis, et Beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis patrociniis confidentem a cunctis hostibus redde secur*um*.

SHIELD, O Lord, this Thy *servant* with the shelter of Thy peace, and as *he* trusts in the protecting care of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, do Thou make *him* fearless of all enemies.

BENE✠DICAT te conditor cœli et terræ Deus omnipotens, qui te eligere dignatus est ad Beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ de monte Carmelo Societatem et Confraternitatem; quam precamur, ut in hora obitus tui conterat caput serpentis, qui tibi est adversarius, et tandem tamquam victor palmam, et coronam sempiternæ hæreditatis consequaris. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the Creator of heaven and earth, bless ✠ thee, He who hath vouchsafed to call thee unto the Society and Confraternity of Blessed Mary of Mount Carmel; let us beseech her, therefore, that in the hour of thy death she may bruise the head of the serpent, thine adversary, and that finally thou mayest attain unto the palm of victory and the crown of inheritance everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

[*If only the Scapular is to be blessed, the Priest begins at the* ℣. Adjutorium nostrum, *and continues to the prayer* Suppliciter *inclusive.*]

Then the Priest sprinkles the Recipient with holy water, and continues:

EGO auctoritate, qua fungor, et mihi concessa, recipio te ad Confraternitatem sacræ Religionis Carmelitarum, et investio, ac participem te facio omnium bonorum spiritualium ejusdem Ordinis. In nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

BY the authority which I exercise, and which is granted unto me, I receive thee into the Confraternity of the holy Carmelite Order; and I invest thee and make thee a partaker in all the spiritual goods of the same Order. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Instruction on the Sacraments in General.

BY *Sacrament* is meant an outward sign of inward grace, or a sacred and mysterious sign and ceremony ordained by Christ to convey grace to our souls.

The Sacraments may be compared to channels which convey water from a fountain-head, and the soul to a vessel which one carries to these channels to be filled. The fountain, abounding with water, courses through the channels and fills every vessel which is applied thereto, as far as it can hold; the larger the vessel, the greater the quantity of water it will contain. So the larger the capacity of the soul (which capacity depends upon the soul's dispositions), the greater the portion of grace which it receives through the heavenly channels of the Sacraments. But the conditions required in the receiver are by no means *productive* of the efficacy of the Sacraments. Take the example of light and heat: fire is not lacking in burning power because it cannot act on incombustible materials; nor are the windows of a room the cause of light, though necessary to give it admission.

The *Church* has never instituted, and could not institute, any Sacrament—this is a power reserved to God Himself. He alone is the Fountain of Grace:

He alone can appoint the channels by which that grace is conveyed to our souls. Since, therefore, as a fact, He has appointed those channels—and no others—which we call Sacraments, by those only can we ordinarily obtain that special grace. Hence it follows that no power on earth can *change* what was ordained by Jesus Christ in the outward forms of the Sacraments, without destroying them entirely; for if any change is made in what He ordained, it is no longer the *same form* to which grace is annexed, and consequently ceases to be a Sacrament.

The Passion of Christ is the rich and exhaustless source from which the grace of every Sacrament is derived; for each grace was purchased for us at the price of our Divine Redeemer's Blood.

There are seven Sacraments: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, PENANCE, HOLY EUCHARIST, EXTREME UNCTION, HOLY ORDERS, and MATRIMONY.

Special Instructions on each Sacrament will be found in their proper places. Of these Sacraments, some *give* sanctifying grace, and others *increase* it in our souls. Those that give sanctifying grace are *Baptism* and *Penance;* they are called *Sacraments of the Dead*, because they take away sin, which is the death of the soul, and give grace, which is its life. Those that increase sanctifying grace in the soul are *Confirmation*, *Holy Eucharist*, *Extreme Unction*, *Holy Orders*, and *Matrimony;* these are called *Sacraments of the Living*, because those who receive them worthily are already living the life of grace. They should be received, therefore, in a state of grace; any one receiving the Sacraments of the Living in mortal sin incurs the additional guilt of Sacrilege. The Sacraments of *Bap-*

tism, *Confirmation*, and *Holy Orders* imprint what is called a *character* upon the soul—a spiritual mark which remains for ever—and hence they can be received but once.

Besides the sanctifying grace common to all the Sacraments, God has annexed to each a particular *Sacramental* grace, which is a special help to enable us to perform the duties and attain the end for which each Sacrament was instituted—*e.g.*, 1. Shortly after we come into the world we are made the children of God by BAPTISM. 2. As we grow up we are fortified for the combats against our spiritual enemies which we have to undergo, and are made soldiers of Christ, by CONFIRMATION. 3. The HOLY EUCHARIST is the daily bread which feeds and nourishes our souls to everlasting life. 4. If unhappily we fall in the spiritual conflict, PENANCE is the remedy which restores life to the soul. 5. In MATRIMONY special graces are provided to sanctify and assuage the cares of the married state. 6. HOLY ORDERS keeps up the succession of pastors in the Church, and enables them to faithfully discharge their sacred functions. 7. When the Christian soul is on the verge of Eternity, it is strengthened and comforted by the refreshing graces of EXTREME UNCTION, so that the Christian warrior may not be vanquished at the last.

The Sacrament of Baptism.

EXPLANATION OF THE CEREMONIES.

THE ceremonies used by the Church in the administration of Baptism are very ancient. St. Basil mentions many of them, which, he says, are of Apostolical tradition; as the consecration of the water, and of the oil used in the anointings, the renunciation of Satan and his works, and the profession of faith. St. Augustine mentions the sign of the Cross, the imposition of hands, and the custom of giving salt to the catechumens. St. Ambrose speaks of the ceremony of touching the ears and nostrils with spittle, with the words, *Be opened*.

These ceremonies have a twofold signification. They are outward signs of that which the Holy Spirit operates inwardly in the souls of those that receive the Sacrament; and they also admonish them of that which they ought to do, and represent to them the obligations they contract.

The Priest is vested in a white surplice, as denoting innocence, and successively uses two stoles, one violet, the other white. The violet color signifies the unhappy state to which sin has reduced mankind. After the exorcisms the Priest puts on the white stole, as the symbol of the innocence conferred by the Sacrament.

Addressing himself to the godfather and godmother, he asks the *name* by which the child is to be called. A name is given, says St. Charles Borromeo, to show that the person is dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ. This name, the Council of Trent teaches, should be that of some Saint, in order that by bearing the same name the person may be excited to imitate his virtues and sanctity; and that, while endeavoring to imitate him, he may invoke him and pray to him, in the confident hope that he will be his patron and advocate, for the safety of his body and the salvation of his soul.

The wretched state to which sin has reduced the human race is still further intimated by the Priest's breathing three times on the person to be baptized, which is done to drive away the devil, as by the Holy Ghost, who is the Spirit or breath of God. It also expresses the contempt which Christians have of him, and the ease with which he may be put to flight, like a straw with a puff of wind.

After having put to flight the tyrant who holds in captivity every one that cometh into the world, the Priest imprints on the person to be baptized the seal of a very different Master. He signs him with the sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the breast, that Christ, who was crucified for our sins, may take possession of him—on the forehead, to signify that a Christian must never be ashamed to make open profession of the faith of his crucified Saviour; and on the breast, to signify that the love of Jesus Christ, and a readiness to obey all His divine commandments and to share in His sufferings, ought constantly to reside in his heart.

The Priest, as God's representative, then lays his hand on the head of the person to be baptized, to denote possession in the name of the Almighty.

He then blesses the salt, to purify it from the malignant influences of the evil spirit; and puts a few grains of this salt, thus blessed, into the mouth of the person to be baptized. The salt is the symbol of wisdom, as when St. Paul says (Col. iv. 6): *Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt.* Salt is also a preservative against corruption. This ceremony, then, signifies that the person baptized must make known to the world the sweet savor of the law of God, by the good example of a virtuous and holy conversation; and show by all his works that it is the doctrine of Christ that preserves the soul from corruption, and establishes a firm hope of the resurrection of the body.

Having thus communicated to the person to be baptized the wisdom of Christ and the relish for divine things, the Priest peremptorily commands the wicked spirit to depart, and never attempt to deprive him of this precious gift, in the solemn words of the ancient exorcism ; then making the sign of the Cross, he says : *And this sign of the holy Cross which we place upon* his *forehead, do thou, accursed devil, never dare to violate.*

After this the Priest lays the end of his stole, the symbol of his authority, upon the person to be baptized, and introduces him into the church. Being come therein, the Priest, jointly with the person to be baptized, or, if it be an infant, with the godfather and godmother, recites aloud the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. He then again exorcises the unclean spirit, and commands him to depart in the name and by the power of the most blessed Trinity.

The next is a ceremony deeply significative. We read in the Gospel (Mark vii. 32-35) that our Lord cured one that was deaf and dumb by touching his tongue and his ears with spittle, saying: *Ephpheta*—"*Be opened.*" Man, in his natural state, is spiritually both deaf and dumb. Therefore the Church, the Spouse of Jesus Christ and the depository of His power, follows His example; and the Priest of the Church, taking spittle from his mouth, touches therewith the ears and the nostrils of the person to be baptized, repeating the same miraculous word, as if to signify the necessity of having the senses of the soul open to the truth and grace of God.

Then follows the solemn renunciation of Satan and of his works and pomps. After which the Priest anoints the person to be baptized on the breast and between the shoulders, making the sign of the Cross. This outward unction represents the inward anointing of the soul by divine grace, which, like a sacred oil, penetrates our hearts, heals the wounds of our souls, and fortifies them against our passions and concupiscences. The anointing of the breast signifies the necessity of fortifying the heart with heavenly courage, that we may act manfully and do our duty in all things. The anointing between the shoulders signifies the necessity of the like grace, in order to bear and support all the adversities and crosses of this mortal life. The oil is a symbol also of the sweetness of the yoke of Christ.

The moment having arrived at which another human being is to become the child of God and a member of the mystical body of Christ, the Priest, to denote that sorrow is about to be changed into joy, changes his stole, and instead of the violet puts on a white one.

Then follows the Profession of Faith, after which the Sacrament of regeneration is thus administered: While the godfather and godmother both hold or touch their godchild, the Priest pours the baptismal water on the child's head three times, in the form of a Cross, repeating the sacramental words in such manner that the three pourings of the water concur with the pronouncing of the three names of the Divine Persons. The water is poured three times, while the words are pronounced but once, to show that the Three Persons unite in the regeneration of man in holy Baptism. The godparents hold or touch their godchild, to signify that they answer for him, or that they engage to put him in mind of his vow and promise.

Then the Priest anoints the person baptized on the crown of the head, in the form of a Cross, with holy chrism, compounded of oil and balsam. This ceremony is of Apostolical tradition, and signifies: 1st. That the person baptized is solemnly consecrated to the service of God, and made a living temple of the Holy Ghost. 2d. That by Baptism he is made partaker with Christ, the great *Anointed* of God, and has a share in His unction and grace. 3d. That he is anointed to be king, priest, and prophet; and therefore that, as king, he must have dominion over his passions; as priest, he must offer himself unceasingly to God as a living sacrifice for an odor of sweetness; as prophet, he must declare by his life the rewards of the world to come.

After the anointing, the Priest puts upon the head of the baptized a white linen cloth, now used instead of the white garment with which the new Christian used anciently to be clothed in Baptism, to signify the purity and innocence which we receive in Baptism, and which we must take care to preserve till death.

Lastly, the Priest puts a lighted candle into the hand of the person baptized, or of the godfather; which ceremony is derived from the parable of the virgins (Matt. xxv.), *who taking their lamps went forth to meet the bridegroom;* and is intended to remind the person baptized that, being now a child of light, he must walk as a child of light, and keep the lamp of faith ever burning with the oil of charity and good works, for the glory of God and the edification of his neighbor; so that whenever the Lord shall come he may be found prepared, and may go in with Him into the eternal life of His heavenly kingdom.

THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

BY SPECIAL PERMISSION OF THE HOLY SEE, THIS FORM IS USED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE BAPTISM OF ADULTS ALSO.

(NOTE.—The *italicized* words, or endings of words, occurring in the *text*, are those which must be varied according to sex or number.)

Sacerdos.	*Priest.*
N QUID petis ab Ecclesia Dei?	N WHAT dost thou ask of the Church of God?
Resp. Fidem.	*Sponsor.* Faith.
S. Fides quid tibi præstat?	*P.* What doth faith bring thee to?
R. Vitam æternam.	*S.* Life everlasting.
S. Si igitur vis ad vitam ingredi, serva mandata. Diliges Dominum Deum tuum ex toto corde tuo, et ex tota anima tua, et ex tota mente tua, et proximum tuum sicut teipsum.	*P.* If, therefore, thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.

The Priest then gently breathes thrice upon the face of the infant, and says once:

EXI ab *eo*, immunde spiritus, et da locum Spiritui Sancto, Paraclito.	DEPART from *him*, thou unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Ghost the Paraclete.

After that he makes with his thumb the sign of the Cross upon the forehead and upon the breast of the infant, saying:

Accipe signum crucis tam in fronte, ✠ quam in corde; ✠ sume fidem cœlestium præceptorum, et talis esto moribus, ut templum Dei jam esse possis.

Receive the sign of the Cross both upon the forehead ✠ and also upon the heart; ✠ take unto thyself the faith of the heavenly precepts, and be in thy manners such that now thou mayest be the temple of God.

Oremus.

PRECES nostras, quæsumus, Domine, clementer exaudi; et *hunc* elect*um* *tuum*, N., crucis Dominicæ impressione signat*um*, perpetua virtute custodi: ut magnitudinis gloriæ tuæ rudimenta serva*ns*, per custodiam mandatorum tuorum, ad regenerationis gloriam pervenire mere*a*tur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and with Thy perpetual power guard *this* Thine elect, N., signed with the seal of the Cross of the Lord: that, being faithful to these ordinances of Thy great majesty, *he* may, by keeping Thy commandments, deserve to attain the glory of regeneration. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

He then lays his hand upon the infant's head, and says:

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, Pater

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, Fa-

Domini nostri Jesu Christi, respicere dignare super *hunc* famul*um* *tuum*, N., *quem* ad rudimenta fidei vocare dignatus es: omnem cæcitatem cordis ab *eo* expelle: disrumpe omnes laqueos Satanæ, quibus fuer*at* colligat*us*; aperi *ei*, Domine, januam pietatis tuæ, ut signo sapientiæ tuæ imbut*us*, omnium cupiditatum fœtoribus care*at*, et ad suavem odorem præceptorum tuorum læt*us* tibi in Ecclesia tua deservi*at*, et profici*at* de die in diem. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

ther of our Lord Jesus Christ, look graciously down upon *this* Thy *servant*, N., whom Thou hast graciously called unto the beginnings of the faith: drive out from *him* all blindness of heart: break all the toils of Satan wherewith *he* was held: open unto *him*, O Lord, the gate of Thy loving-kindness, that, being impressed with the sign of Thy wisdom, *he* may be free from the foulness of all wicked desires, and in the sweet odor of Thy precepts may joyfully serve Thee in Thy Church, and grow in grace from day to day. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Priest then blesses the salt, which, after it has been once blessed, may serve for the same purpose on other occasions.

THE BLESSING OF THE SALT.

EXORCIZO te, creatura salis, in nomine Dei Patris ✠ omnipotentis, et in charitate Domini nostri Jesu ✠ Christi, et in virtute Spiritus ✠

I EXORCISE thee, creature of salt, in the name of God, the Father ✠ Almighty, and in the love of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and in the power of the

Sancti. Exorcizo te per Deum ✠ vivum, per Deum ✠ verum, per Deum ✠ sanctum, per Deum ✠ qui te ad tutelam humani generis procreavit, et populo venienti ad credulitatem per servos suos consecrari præcepit, ut in nomine sanctæ Trinitatis efficiaris salutare sacramentum ad effugandum inimicum. Proinde rogamus te, Domine Deus noster, ut hanc creaturam salis sanctificando ✠ sanctifices, et benedicendo ✠ benedicas, ut fiat omnibus accipientibus perfecta medicina, permanens in visceribus eorum, in nomine ejusdem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, qui venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos, et sæculum per ignem.

R. Amen.

Holy ✠ Ghost. I exorcise thee by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the all-holy ✠ God, by the God ✠ who hath created thee for a preservation of the human race, and hath appointed thee to be consecrated by His servants for the people coming unto faith, that in the name of the Holy Trinity thou mayest become a saving sacrament to put the enemy to flight. Wherefore we pray Thee, O Lord our God, that sanctifying ✠ Thou mayest sanctify this creature of salt, and blessing ✠ Thou mayest bless it, that unto all who receive it it may become a perfect cure, abiding in their hearts, in the name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. *R.* Amen.

He then puts a little of the blessed salt into the mouth of the infant, saying:

N., accipe sal sapientiæ ;

N., receive the salt of

propitiatio sit tibi in vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

S. Pax tecum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

DEUS patrum nostrorum, Deus universæ conditor veritatis, te supplices exoramus, ut *hunc* famul*um* *tuum*, N., respicere digneris propitius, et hoc primum pabulum salis gustant*em*, non diutius esurire permittas, quo minus exple*a*tur cœlesti, quatenus *sit* semper spiritu ferve*ns*, spe gaude*ns*, tuo semper nomini servie*ns*. Perduc *eum*, Domine, quæsumus, ad novæ regenerationis lavacrum, et cum fidelibus tuis promissionum tuarum æterna præmia consequi mere*a*tur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

EXORCIZO te, immunde spiritus, in nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, ✠ et

wisdom ; may it be to thee a propitiation unto everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

P. Peace be with thee.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD of our fathers, O God the Author of all truth, vouchsafe, we humbly beseech thee, to look graciously down upon *this* Thy *servant*, N., and as *he* tastes this first nutriment of salt, suffer *him* no longer to hunger for want of heavenly food, to the end that *he* may be always fervent in spirit, rejoicing in hope, always serving Thy name. Lead *him*, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to the laver of the new regeneration, that, together with Thy faithful, *he* may deserve to attain the everlasting rewards of Thy promises. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

I EXORCISE thee, thou unclean spirit, in the name of the Father, ✠ and

Spiritus ✠ Sancti, ut exeas et recedas ab *hoc* famul*o* Dei, N. Ipse enim tibi imperat, maledicte damnate, qui pedibus super mare ambulavit, et Petro mergenti dexteram porrexit.

of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost, that thou go forth and depart from *this servant* of God, N.; for He Himself commands thee, accursed outcast, He who walked upon the sea, and stretched forth to sinking Peter His right hand.

Ergo, maledicte diabole, recognosce sententiam tuam, et da honorem Deo vivo et vero, da honorem Jesu Christo Filio ejus, et Spiritui Sancto, et recede ab *hoc* famul*o* Dei, N., quia *istum* sibi Deus, et Dominus noster Jesus Christus ad suam sanctam gratiam, et benedictionem, fontemque baptismatis vocare dignatus est.

Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge thy sentence, and give honor unto the true and living God; give honor unto Jesus Christ, His Son, and unto the Holy Ghost; and depart from *this servant* of God, N., because *him* hath God and our Lord Jesus Christ vouchsafed to call unto His holy grace, and blessing, and the font of Baptism.

Here he makes with his thumb the sign of the Cross upon the infant's forehead saying.

Et hoc signum sanctæ crucis ✠ quod nos fronti ejus damus, tu, maledicte diabole, nunquam audeas violare. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

And this sign of the holy Cross, ✠ which we place upon *his* forehead, do thou, accursed devil, never dare to violate. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Immediately laying his hand upon the infant's head, he says:

Oremus.

ÆTERNAM ac justissimam pietatem tuam deprecor, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, Auctor luminis et veritatis, super *hunc* famul*um tuum*, N., ut digneris *illum* illuminare lumine intelligentiæ tuæ: munda *eum*, et sanctifica: da *ei* scientiam veram, ut dign*us* gratia baptismi tui effect*us*, tene*at* firmam spem, consilium rectum, doctrinam sanctam. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, Author of light and truth, I implore Thine everlasting and most just goodness upon *this* Thy *servant*, N., that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to enlighten *him* with the light of Thy wisdom: cleanse *him* and sanctify *him*: give unto *him* true knowledge, that, being made worthy of the grace of Thy Baptism, *he* may hold firm hope, right counsel, holy doctrine. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

After this the Priest lays the end of his stole upon the infant, and admits him into the church, saying:

INGRED*ERE* in templum Dei, ut habe*as* partem cum Christo in vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

ENTER *thou* into the temple of God, that *thou* may*est* have part with Christ unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.

When they have entered the church, the Priest, as he proceeds to the font, says in a loud voice along with the sponsors:

CREDO in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem cœli et terræ. Et in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus unicum, Dominum nostrum: qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto; natus ex Maria virgine; passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus: descendit ad inferos; tertia die resurrexit a mortuis; ascendit ad cœlos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis; inde venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum; sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam; Sanctorum communionem; remissionem peccatorum; carnis resurrectionem; vitam æternam. Amen.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead: He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PATER NOSTER, qui es in cœlis, sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum: fiat

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will voluntas tua, sicut in cœlo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie : et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem; sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread : and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

And then, before he reaches the baptistery, he says :

THE EXORCISM.

EXORCIZO te, omnis spiritus immunde, in nomine Dei Patris ✠ omnipotentis, et in nomine Jesu Christi, Filii ejus, ✠ Domini et Judicis nostri, et in virtute Spiritus ✠ Sancti, ut discedas ab *hoc* plasma*te* Dei, N., *quod* Dominus noster ad templum sanctum suum vocare dignatus est, ut fi*at* templ*um* Dei vivi, et Spiritus Sanctus habitet in *eo*. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum, qui venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos, et sæculum per ignem.

R. Amen.

I EXORCISE thee, every unclean spirit, in the name of God the Father ✠ Almighty, and in the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, ✠ our Lord and Judge, and in the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost, that thou depart from *this creature* of God, N., which our Lord hath deigned to call unto His holy temple, that *it* may be made the templ*e* of the living God, and that the Holy Ghost may dwell therein. Through the same Christ our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest wets his thumb with spittle from his mouth, and touches the ears and nostrils of the infant. And in touching first the right ear and then the left, he says:

EPHPHETA, quod est, Adaperire.	EPHPHETA, that is to say, Be opened.

Then he touches the nostrils, saying:

In odorem suavitatis.	For a savor of sweetness.

And he adds:

Tu autem effugare, diabole; appropinquabit enim judicium Dei.	And do thou, O devil, begone! for the judgment of God is at hand.

He then interrogates the person to be baptized, by name, saying:

N., abrenuntias Satanæ?	N., dost thou renounce Satan?
R. Abrenuntio.	*Sponsor.* I do renounce him.
S. Et omnibus operibus ejus?	*P.* And all his works?
R. Abrenuntio.	*R.* I do renounce them.
S. Et omnibus pompis ejus?	*P.* And all his pomps?
R. Abrenuntio.	*R.* I do renounce them.

The Priest then dips his thumb into the Oil of Catechumens, and anoints the infant upon the breast and between the shoulders, in the form of a Cross, saying:

EGO te linio ✠ oleo salutis, in Christo Jesu Domino nostro, ut habeas vitam æternam. *R.* Amen.	I ANOINT thee ✠ with the oil of salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord, that thou mayest have life everlasting. *R.* Amen.

(Here he puts aside the violet stole, and puts on another of white color.)

Next with cotton, or something similar, he wipes his thumb and the places anointed. And he interrogates the person to be baptized by name, the sponsor answering:

N., credis in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem cœli et terræ?	N., dost thou believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
R. Credo.	*R.* I do believe.
Credis in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus unicum, Dominum nostrum, natum et passum?	Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born, and who suffered for us?
R. Credo.	*R.* I do believe.
Credis et in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam, Sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, et vitam æternam?	Dost thou also believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
R. Credo.	*R.* I do believe.

Then, pronouncing the name of the person to be baptized, the Priest says:

N., vis baptizari?	N., wilt thou be baptized?
R. Volo.	*Sponsor.* I will.

Then the godfather or the godmother, or both (if both are admitted), holding the infant, the Priest takes the baptismal water in a small vessel or pitcher, and from it pours thrice upon the in-

fant's head, in the form of a Cross, and at the same time, pronouncing the words once only, distinctly and attentively, he says:

N., EGO te baptizo in nomine ✠ Patris [*fundat primo*], et Filii ✠ [*fundat secundo*], et Spiritus ✠ Sancti [*fundat tertio*].

N., I baptize thee in the name ✠ of the Father [*he pours the first time*], and of the Son ✠ [*he pours the second time*], and of the Holy ✠ Ghost [*he pours the third time*].

He then dips his thumb in the holy chrism, and anoints the infant upon the crown of the head in the form of a Cross, saying

DEUS omnipotens, Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, qui te regeneravit ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto, quique dedit tibi remissionem omnium peccatorum, ipse te ✠ liniat chrismate salutis in eodem Christo Jesu Domino nostro, in vitam æternam.

R. Amen.
S. Pax tibi.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

MAY Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, He who hath regenerated thee by water and the Holy Ghost, and given thee remission of all thy sins, anoint thee ✠ with the chrism of salvation, in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.
P. Peace be with thee.
R. And with thy spirit.

Then with cotton, or something similar, he wipes his thumb and the place anointed, and puts upon the head of the infant a white linen cloth, saying

ACCIPE vestem candidam, quam im-

RECEIVE this white garment, which

maculatam perferas ante tribunal Domini nostri Jesu Christi, ut habeas vitam æternam.	mayest thou bear without stain before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have life everlasting.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Afterward he gives the infant or the godfather a lighted candle, saying:

ACCIPE lampadem ardentem, et irreprehensibilis custodi baptismum tuum: serva Dei mandata, ut cum Dominus venerit ad nuptias, possis occurrere ei una cum omnibus sanctis in aula cœlesti, habeasque vitam æternam, et vivas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.	RECEIVE this burning light, and keep thy Baptism so as to be without blame: keep the commandments of God, that when the Lord shall come to the nuptials, thou mayest meet Him together with all the saints in the heavenly court, and mayest have eternal life, and live for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

Lastly, he says:

N., VADE in pace, et Dominus sit tecum. *R.* Amen.	N., GO in peace, and the Lord be with thee. *R.* Amen.

A Prayer for One lately Baptized.

O LORD our God, our true Life, Who by the font of Baptism dost illuminate the baptized with

heavenly radiance, Who hast vouchsafed to Thy *servant* by Water and the Holy Ghost remission of all *his* sins, lay Thy mighty hand upon *him*, and protect *him* with the power of Thy goodness; preserve *him* from losing the earnest of glory ; be pleased to bring *him* to eternal life and to the vision of Thyself; for Thou art our Sanctification, and to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, do we render praise and thanksgiving, now and for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

A RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS.

MOST Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God, I mourn and lament my most sinful neglect of the sacred promise and vow which was made in my name at my Baptism. I lament my long-continued transgressions, my ingratitude, my coldness and hardness of heart. O Lord, Who art the great Searcher of hearts, and from whom no secrets are hid, in Thy presence I do most freely, fully, and unfeignedly, from henceforth and for evermore, repent of and renounce all my sins; I resolve, to the utmost of the power Thou givest me, to resist all the temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh, so that I may never willingly be led by them. I do firmly believe, and will, by Thy help, continue in the belief of all the Articles of the Christian Faith ; and I am resolved, in all sincerity of heart, to keep Thy holy Will and Commandments, and to persevere, through the help of Thy grace, to the end of my life. Enlighten and strengthen me, O God, by Thy Holy Spirit, to perform this my vow and covenant. Preserve me as a living and faithful Member of Thy Church, a dutiful and dear child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven; that through Thy mercy I may in Thy good time obtain the end of my faith, even the salvation of my soul. *Amen.*

The Reception of Converts.

The mode of receiving the Profession of Faith of Converts to the Catholic Church, according to the form prescribed by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, the 20th of July, 1859.

WHEN heretics are converted, inquiry must first be made concerning the validity of their former Baptism. If, therefore, it should be found, after diligent examination, either that Baptism had not been conferred at all, or else conferred improperly, they must be baptized anew. But if, upon investigation, there remains a reasonable doubt of the validity of their former Baptism, then it should be repeated conditionally, after the form for the Baptism of Adults, *when that is required. If, on the other hand, the former Baptism was valid, then the converts should simply make their* Abjuration *or* Profession of Faith. *There are three ways, therefore, of reconciling heretics to the Church :*

I. *If Baptism is conferred absolutely, neither abjuration nor absolution follows ; since all the past is wiped away by the Sacrament of Regeneration.*

II. *If Baptism is repeated conditionally, the following order is to be* *observed : 1st. The* Abjuration, *or* Profession of Faith. *2d.* Conditional Baptism. *3d.* Sacramental Confession *with conditional absolution.*

III. *When, finally, the former Baptism is held to be valid, the* Abjuration *or* Profession of Faith *alone is received, followed by the* Absolution from Censures. *If, however, the convert strongly desires that the rites which were omitted in his former Baptism shall be now supplied, the Priest shall gratify his pious desire. He ought, however, in this case to use the form* for Adults, *if required, and to make the necessary changes caused by the former valid Baptism.*

The Priest, vested in surplice and violet stole, seats himself at the Epistle side of the Altar, if the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, otherwise before the middle of the Altar; and before him kneels the convert, who, touching the Book of Gospels with his right hand, makes his Profession of Faith, *as below.* (*If he cannot read, the Priest slowly reads for him the Profession, which he distinctly pronounces together with the Priest.*)

PROFESSION OF FAITH.

I, N. N., having before my eyes the holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand, and knowing that no one can be saved without that faith which the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Roman Church holds, believes, and teaches, against which I grieve that I have greatly erred, inasmuch as I have held and believed doctrines opposed to her teaching—

I now, with grief and contrition for my past errors, profess that I believe the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Roman Church to be the only and true Church established on earth by Jesus Christ, to which I submit myself with my whole heart. I believe all the articles that she proposes to my belief, and I reject and condemn all that she rejects and condemns, and I am ready to observe all that she commands me. And, especially, I profess that I believe:

One only God in three divine Persons, distinct from, and equal to, each other—that is to say, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

The Catholic doctrine of the Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the personal union of the two Natures, the divine and the human; the divine Maternity of the most holy Mary, together with her most spotless Virginity;

The true, real, and substantial presence of the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist;

The seven Sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind—that is to say, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Order, Matrimony;

Purgatory, the Resurrection of the Dead, Everlasting Life;

The Primacy, not only of honor but also of jurisdiction, of the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Vicar of Jesus Christ;

The veneration of the Saints and of their images;

The authority of the Apostolic and Ecclesiastical Traditions, and of the Holy Scriptures, which we must interpret and understand only in the sense which our holy mother the Catholic Church has held and does hold;

And everything else that has been defined and declared by the sacred Canons and by the General Councils, and particularly by the holy Council of Trent, and delivered, defined, and declared by the General Council of the Vatican, especially concerning the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff, and his infallible teaching authority.

With a sincere heart, therefore, and with unfeigned faith, I detest and abjure every error, heresy, and sect opposed to the said Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Roman Church. So help me God, and these His holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand.

Afterwards, the convert still kneeling, the Priest sitting, says

Psalm 50, *p. 249,*

Or else

Psalm 129, *p. 253.*

Then the Priest, standing, says :

KYRIE eleison. *R.* Christe eleison.	LORD, have mercy. *R.* Christ, have mercy.
V. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster (*secreto*).	*V.* Lord, have mercy. Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. Salv*um* fac *servum* tu*um*.	*V.* Save Thy *servant.*
R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.	*R.* O my God, who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

DEUS, cui proprium est misereri semper et parcere: suscipe deprecationem nostram, ut *hunc* famul*um tuum*, *quem* excommunicationis catena constringit, miseratio tuæ pietatis clementer absolvat. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare: graciously receive our supplication, that this Thy *servant*, whom the bonds of excommunication do hold a prisoner, the compassion of Thy loving-kindness may now mercifully absolve. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest, sitting, and turned towards the kneeling convert, absolves him from his heresy, saying:

AUCTORITATE apostolica, qua fungor in hac parte, absolvo te a vinculo excommunicationis quam (forsan) incurristi, et restituo te sacrosanctis Ecclesiæ Sacramentis, communioni et unitati

BY the Apostolic authority, which I here do exercise, I absolve thee from the bond of excommunication which (perchance) * thou hast incurred; and I restore thee to the holy Sacraments of

fidelium, in nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

the Church, and to the communion and unity of the faithful, in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(* *In doubt whether the penitent has incurred excommunication or no, the Priest shall insert this word* perchance.)

In fine, the Priest enjoins upon the new convert some salutary penance—e.g., prayers, visits to churches, and the like.

The Sacrament of Confirmation.

When the Apostles had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He was come upon none of them; but they were only baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.—Acts viii. 14–17.

INSTRUCTIONS.

CONFIRMATION is a Sacrament by which the faithful, who have already been made children of God by their Baptism, receive the Holy Ghost by the prayer and the imposition of the hands of the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles, in order to their being made strong and perfect Christians and valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ. It is called CONFIRMATION from its effect, which is to *confirm* or *strengthen* those that receive it in the profession of the true faith; to give them such courage and resolution as to be willing rather to die than to turn from it; and to arm them in general against all their spiritual enemies.

2 This Sacrament was designed and instituted by our Lord for all Christians, and consequently is a *divine ordinance.*

3. The principal effects of this Sacrament are a fortifying grace in order to strengthen the soul against all the visible and invisible enemies of the faith; and a certain dedication and consecration of the soul by the Holy Ghost, the mark of which dedication and consecration is left in the soul as a *character*, which can never be effaced.

4. Hence this Sacrament can be received but once, and it would be a sacrilege to attempt to receive it a second time; for which reason also the faithful are bound to take extreme care to come to this Sacrament duly disposed, lest, if they should be so unhappy as to receive it in mortal sin, they should receive their own condemnation, and run the risk of being deprived for ever of its grace.

5. Now, the dispositions which the Christian must bring with him to receive worthily the Sacrament of Confirmation are, a *purity of conscience*, at least from all mortal sin; for which reason he ought to go to confession before he is confirmed, for the Holy Ghost will not come to a soul in which Satan reigns by mortal sin; secondly, a sincere desire of giving himself up to the Holy Ghost, to follow the influence of His divine grace, to be His temple for ever, and, by His assistance, to fulfil all the obligations of a Soldier of Christ.

6. Hence a Christian ought to prepare himself for this Sacrament by fervent prayer, as we find the Apostles prepared themselves for the receiving of the Holy Ghost. *All these were persevering with one mind in prayer*, says St. Luke (speaking of the ten days that passed between the Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost). How happy shall they be, who like them prepare themselves for the Holy Ghost by these spiritual exercises!

7. The obligations which accompany the *character* of Confirmation, and which a Christian takes upon himself when he receives this Sacrament, are, to bear a loyal and perpetual allegiance to the great King in whose service he enlists himself as a soldier; to be true to His standard, the Cross of Christ, the mark of which he receives on his forehead; to fight His battles against His enemies, the world, the flesh, and the devil; to be faithful unto death; and rather to die than desert from the service, or go over to the enemy by wilful sin—in fine, to live up to the glorious character of a Soldier of Christ, and to maintain that interior purity and sanctity which becomes the Temple of the Holy Ghost, by a life of prayer and a life of love. Where the *character* of our Confirmation, when we shall bring it before the judgment-seat of Christ, shall be found to have been accompanied with such a life as this, it will shine most gloriously in our souls for all eternity; but if, instead of living up to it, we should be found to have been deserters and rebels, and to have violated this sacred *character* by a life of sin, it will certainly rise up in judgment against us, it will condemn us at the bar of divine justice, it will

cast us deeper into the bottomless pit, and be a mark of eternal ignominy and reproach to our souls amongst the damned.

THE CEREMONIES EXPLAINED.

The *Chrism* used in Confirmation is a sacred unguent, composed of oil of olives and balsam, solemnly blessed by the Bishop on Maundy-Thursday. The outward anointing of the forehead with chrism represents the inward anointing of the soul, in this Sacrament, with the Holy Ghost. The *oil*, whose properties are to strengthen and invigorate the limbs, to assuage pain, etc., represents the like spiritual effects of the grace of the Sacrament in the soul, penetrating and diffusing itself throughout all her powers; oil also, being a smooth and mild substance, represents that spirit of meekness and patience under the cross which is one principal effect of Confirmation. The *balsam* fitly represents the fortifying grace received in Confirmation, by which our souls are preserved from corruption after our sins have been destroyed by the Sacrament of Baptism; also, being of a sweet smell, it represents the good odor or sweet savor of Christian virtues and an innocent life, with which we are to edify our neighbors after having received this Sacrament.

The anointing of the forehead is made in the form of a Cross, because the virtue of this Sacrament, as all other graces, comes through the merits of the sacrifice of the death of Jesus Christ; and to show that, being now confirmed in His service and enlisted as His soldiers, we should never be ashamed of our Master, but boldly profess ourselves disciples of a crucified Saviour and members of His Church, in spite of all the world may do against us, either by ridicule or persecution.

The Bishop gives the person confirmed a gentle stroke on the cheek, to teach him that, being now a soldier of Jesus Christ, he must fight manfully against all his enemies; suffer patiently all kinds of affronts and injuries for his faith; and bear with meekness all crosses and trials, for the sake and for the glory of his Lord and Master.

In giving him this gentle stroke, the Bishop says, *Peace be with thee*, to signify that the true peace of God, which, as St. Paul says (Philip. iv. 7), *surpasseth all understanding*, is chiefly to be found in suffering patiently for Christ's sake; and also to encourage him to do so by the hope of reward, according to our Lord's promise (Matt. xi. 29): *Learn of Me, because I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls.*

Persons usually take a new name at Confirmation, which ought to be the name of some Saint, whom they choose for their particular Patron.

A PRAYER FOR ONE ABOUT TO BE CONFIRMED.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate Thy *servant* in Holy Baptism by water and the Holy Ghost, perfect the work Thou hast begun in *him*. Strengthen *him* with Thy sevenfold gifts: the Spirit of WISDOM, that *he* may despise the perishable things of this world, and love the things that are eternal; the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING to enlighten *him* and give *him* a more perfect knowledge of the mysteries of the Faith; the Spirit of COUNSEL, that *he* may make a right choice in things belonging to *his* eternal Salvation; the Spirit of FORTITUDE, that *he* may overcome all temptations; the Spirit of KNOWLEDGE, that *he* may know Thy Will; the Spirit of true PIETY, that *he* may be faithful and devout in Thy service; and the Spirit of Thy holy FEAR, that *he* may be filled with a loving reverence, and may fear in any way to displease Thee. Seal *him* through Thy mercy with the seal of a disciple of Jesus Christ unto life eternal; and grant, O Lord, that bearing the Cross on *his* forehead, *he* may bear it also in *his* heart, so that boldly confessing Thee before men, *he* may be found worthy to be one day reckoned in the number of Thine Elect: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*This prayer may be used also by the Candidate.*)

The Bishop, wearing over his rochet an amice, stole, and cope of white and having a mitre on his head, proceeds to the faldstool, before the middle of the Altar, or has it placed for him in some other convenient place, and sits thereon, with his back to the Altar and his face towards the people, holding his crosier in his left hand. He washes his hands, still sitting; then, laying aside his mitre, he arises, and standing with his face towards the persons to be confirmed, and having his hands joined before his breast, the persons to be confirmed kneeling, and having their hands also joined before their breasts, he says:

SPIRITUS Sanctus superveniat in vos, et virtus Altissimi custodiat vos a peccatis. *R.* Amen.	MAY the Holy Ghost descend upon you, and may the power of the Most High preserve you from sins. *R.* Amen.

Then, signing himself with the sign of the Cross from his forehead to his breast, he says:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

Then, with hands extended towards those to be confirmed, he says:

Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, qui re-	ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who

generare dignatus es hos famulos tuos ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto, quique dedisti eis remissionem omnium peccatorum: emitte in eos septiformem Spiritum tuum Sanctum Paraclitum de cœlis.

R. Amen.

V. Spiritum sapientiæ et intellectus.

R. Amen.

V. Spiritum consilii et fortitudinis.

R. Amen.

V. Spiritum scientiæ et pietatis.

R. Amen.

Adimple eos spiritu timoris tui, et consigna eos signo crucis ✠ Christi, in vitam propitiatus æternam. Per eumdem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate ejusdem Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

hast vouchsafed to regenerate these Thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins: send forth from heaven upon them Thy sevenfold Spirit, the Holy Comforter.

R. Amen.

V. The Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding.

R. Amen.

V. The Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude.

R. Amen.

V. The Spirit of Knowledge and Piety.

R. Amen.

Fill them with the spirit of Thy Fear, and sign them with the sign of the Cross ✠ of Christ, in Thy mercy, unto life eternal. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, sitting on the faldstool, or, if the number of persons to

be confirmed requires it, standing, with his mitre on his head, confirms them arranged in rows and kneeling in order. He inquires separately the name of each person to be confirmed, who is presented to him by the godfather or godmother kneeling; and having dipped the end of the thumb of his right hand in Chrism, he says:

N., SIGNO te signo crucis, ✠	N., I sign thee with the sign of the Cross, ✠

Whilst saying these words he makes the sign of the Cross, with his thumb, on the forehead of the person to be confirmed, and then says:

Et confirmo te chrismate salutis. In nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, ✠ et Spiritus ✠ Sancti.	And I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then he strikes him gently on the cheek, saying:

Pax tecum.	Peace be with thee.

When all have been confirmed, the Bishop wipes his hands with bread-crumbs, and washes them over a basin. In the meantime the following Antiphon is sung or read by the clergy:

CONFIRMA hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis, a templo sancto tuo quod est in Jerusalem.	CONFIRM, O God, that which Thou hast wrought in us, from Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.
V. Gloria Patri, etc.	*R.* Glory be to the Father, etc.

Then the Antiphon Confirm, O God *is repeated; after which the Bishop, laying aside his mitre, rises up, and standing towards the Altar, with his hands joined before his breast, says:*

OSTENDE nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

O LORD, show Thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Then, with his hands still joined before his breast, and all the persons confirmed devoutly kneeling, he says:

Oremus.

DEUS, qui Apostolis tuis Sanctum dedisti Spiritum, et per eos, eorumque successores, cæteris fidelibus tradendum esse voluisti; respice propitius ad humilitatis nostræ famulatum; et præsta, ut eorum corda, quorum frontes sacro chrismate delinivimus, et signo sanctæ crucis signavimus, idem Spiritus Sanctus in eis superveniens, templum gloriæ suæ dignanter inhabi-

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst give to Thine Apostles the Holy Ghost, and didst ordain that by them and their successors He should be given to the rest of the faithful; look mercifully upon our unworthy service; and grant that the hearts of those whose foreheads we have anointed with holy chrism, and signed with the sign of the holy Cross, may, by the same Holy Spirit coming

tando perficiat. Qui, cum Patre et eodem Spiritu Sancto, vivis et regnas Deus, in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

down upon them, and graciously abiding within them, be made the temple of His glory. Who, with the Father and the same Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then he says

ECCE sic benedicetur omnis homo, qui timet Dominum.

BEHOLD, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

And turning to the persons confirmed he makes over them the sign of the cross, saying

BENEDICAT ✠ vos Dominus ex Sion, ut videatis bona Jerusalem omnibus diebus vitæ vestræ, et habeatis vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

MAY the Lord ✠ bless you out of Sion, that you may see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and may have life everlasting.

R. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

The Spirit of Wisdom.

COME, O Blessed Spirit of *Wisdom*, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of Heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, and power, and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Show me the way by which I may be able to attain to them, and possess them, and hold them hereafter, mine own for ever. *Amen.*

The Spirit of Understanding.

COME, O Blessed Spirit of *Understanding*, enlighten my mind, that I may perceive and embrace all the mysteries of the deep things of God; that in the end I may be found worthy in Thy light clearly to see the Eternal Light, and may come unto a perfect knowledge of Thee, and of the Father, and of the Son. *Amen.*

The Spirit of Counsel.

COME, O Blessed Spirit of *Counsel*, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good, turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy Commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. *Amen.*

The Spirit of Fortitude.

COME, O Blessed Spirit of *Fortitude*, uphold my soul in every time of trouble or adversity. Sustain all my efforts after holiness; strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome, and separated from Thee, my God, my chiefest Good. *Amen.*

The Spirit of Knowledge.

COME, O Blessed Spirit of *Knowledge*, grant that I may perceive and know the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may know their vanity, and use them only for Thy glory, and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal great rewards. *Amen.*

The Spirit of Piety.

COME, O Blessed Spirit of *Piety*, possess my heart, incline it to a true faith in Thee, to a Holy love of Thee my God, that with my whole soul I may seek Thee, and find Thee my best, my truest joy. *Amen.*

The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord.

COME, O Blessed Spirit of holy *Fear*, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set Thee, my Lord and God, before my face for ever; and shun all things that can offend Thee, so that I may be made worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Thy Divine Majesty in the Heaven of Heavens, where Thou livest and reignest in the Unity of the Ever-blessed Trinity, God, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

O HOLY Spirit, Eternal Love of the Father and of the Son, grant me to taste the sweetness of Thy loving-kindness: the Fruit of *Charity*, that I may love Thee above all things, and my neighbor as myself; the Fruit of *Joy*, that I may be filled with a holy consolation; the Fruit of *Peace*, that I may enjoy inward tranquillity of soul; the Fruit of *Patience*, that I may not be discouraged by delay, but may persevere in prayer; the Fruit of *Benignity*, that I may be kind and considerate to all men; the Fruit of *Goodness*, that I may be ever ready to do good to all; the Fruit of *Longsuffering*, that I may humbly submit to everything that is opposed to my own desires; the Fruit of *Mildness*, that I may subdue every rising of evil temper, and, so far from offering the least injury, may never return the greatest; the Fruit of *Faith*, that I may rightly receive the word of truth, and walk in it; the Fruit of *Modesty*, that I may be holy in my thoughts, watchful in my words, and grave in all my behavior; the Fruit of *Continency*, that using Thy creatures to Thy glory I may keep my body in subjection; the Fruit of *Chastity*, that with a pure body and a clean heart, I may adore and please Thee to my life's end; so that having served Thee faithfully here on earth I may attain in Christ Jesus to praise Thee eternally in Heaven, with the Father and the Son, Three Persons, One Glorious and Eternal God, to Whom be glory now and ever more. *Amen.*

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF CONFIRMATION.

THANKS be unto Thee, O my God, for all Thy infinite goodness, and especially for that love that Thou hast showed unto me at my Confirmation. I give Thee thanks that Thou didst then send down Thy Holy Spirit into my soul with all His gifts and graces. O may He take full possession of me for ever: may His divine Unction cause my face to shine: may His heavenly WISDOM reign in my heart, His UNDER-

STANDING enlighten my darkness, His COUNSEL guide me, His FORTITUDE strengthen me, His KNOWLEDGE instruct me, His PIETY make me fervent, His divine FEAR keep me from all evil. Drive from my soul, O Lord, all that may defile it. Give me grace to be Thy faithful soldier, that having fought the good fight of faith, I may be brought to the crown of everlasting life, for the merits of Thy dearly Beloved Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Sacrament of Matrimony.

INSTRUCTIONS.

THE holy state of Matrimony was instituted by Almighty God in the beginning of the world, and under the law of nature had a particular blessing annexed to it. *God created man to His own image: to the image of God He created them: male and female He created them. And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply, and fill the earth* (*Gen. i. 27, 28*). Under the Mosaic law the Almighty more distinctly announced its dignity and obligations. Afterwards, under the Christian law, our Divine Redeemer sanctified this state still more, and from a natural and civil contract raised Matrimony to the dignity of a Sacrament. And St. Paul declared it to be a representation of that sacred union which Jesus Christ had formed with His spouse the Church. *This mystery is great, but I say in Christ, and in the Church* (*Ephes. v. 32*).

Seeing, therefore, that this state is so very holy, and instituted for such great and holy ends, and, moreover, that it has so great a grace annexed to it (when the Sacrament of Matrimony is worthily received) as to put the married couple into the way of being happy both in this world and in the world to come, they who intend to enter into this state ought to proceed with the greatest prudence and make the best possible preparation, that they may obtain these precious and abundant graces from Almighty God.

1. They ought to enter into this holy state with the pure inten-

tion of promoting the honor and glory of God, and the sanctification of their own souls.

2. They ought to select a person of their own religion; experience shows that a want of union in faith between husband and wife is frequently attended with the worst consequences, both to themselves and to their children. A Catholic cannot, without special dispensation, lawfully marry a person of another religion; and if, for good reason, such marriage is permitted, the Catholic party cannot enter into an agreement that any of the children shall be brought up in any other than the Catholic faith, and the non-Catholic party must make beforehand a positive and solemn promise, 1st, that no obstacle of any kind shall be put in the way of the practice of all Catholic duties by the Catholic party; and, 2d, that all the children who shall be born to them shall be baptized and brought up as Catholics.

3. They must obtain the pardon of their sins by worthily approaching the Sacrament of Penance, and then sanctify their marriage by the fervent reception of the Holy Communion.

4. The Marriage should be celebrated *in the morning*, and with a NUPTIAL MASS. That this is the constant and universal and emphatic desire of Holy Church, the following quotations from the Decrees and from the Pastoral Letter of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore very clearly show:

Let those who have the cure of souls take every occasion earnestly to exhort the faithful to the keeping of that pious and praiseworthy custom of the Church whereby Marriages are celebrated, not in the night-time, but during Mass, and accompanied by the NUPTIAL BLESSING. . . . *This custom is held to be not merely a commendable but quite a necessary one, now in these present days, when the foes of religion are leaving nothing untried in their efforts to deprive, if possible, Holy Matrimony of all sanctity, and of all likeness to a Sacrament, and to degrade it to the level of a mere civil contract.* [Decrees, N. 125.]

Let them enter into marriage only through worthy and holy motives, with the blessings of religion, especially with the blessing of the NUPTIAL MASS. [Pastoral Letter, p. 87.]

5. They ought frequently to reflect on their duties and obligations as inculcated in the word of God.

St. Paul, strongly inculcating these duties by the great example of Christ and His Church, says:

Let women be subject to their husbands, as to the Lord; because man is head of the woman, as Christ is Head of the Church; Him-

self is Saviour of His body. But as the Church is subject to Christ, so also women to their husbands in all things. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also hath loved the Church, and delivered Himself up for it. . . . So, also, the men ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loveth his wife, loveth himself. For no man ever hated his own flesh, but he nourisheth and cherisheth it, as also Christ the Church. . . . For this cause man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This mystery is great, but I say in Christ, and in the Church. Nevertheless let you also severally each love his wife, as he loveth himself: and let the wife fear her husband (*Ephes. v. 22*,

IMPEDIMENTS TO MARRIAGE.

FROM the earliest ages holy Church has annexed certain conditions to the matrimonial contract, which are called *Impediments*. They are of two kinds: 1. ANNULLING IMPEDIMENTS, or those which, without special dispensation, make a marriage null and void from the beginning; 2. PROHIBITORY IMPEDIMENTS, which, without dispensation, make a marriage unlawful and sinful, though not invalid.

I. THE ANNULLING IMPEDIMENTS.

1. Consanguinity. This forbids marriage between third cousins or any nearer degree of kindred.

2. Affinity. By this it is forbidden to marry the third cousin, or any nearer blood-relation, of a deceased husband or wife. *Spiritual Affinity* is a species of relationship, contracted by means of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, whereby parents cannot marry the sponsors of the child, or the person who baptized it; nor can sponsors marry their godchildren.

3. Public Honesty. This prohibits marriage with a parent, child, brother, or sister of a person with whom a valid *engagement to marry* has existed.

4. Crime. Persons (of whom one at least must be already married) who are guilty of homicide or adultery with a view to a subsequent marriage cannot marry each other.

5. Difference of Worship. This renders marriage null and void between a baptized and an unbaptized person.

6. Vows. This makes marriage impossible to all persons who have made solemn vows by entering into a Religious Order; and to all the Orders of the Clergy, from Subdeacons upward.

7. Clandestinity. Wherever the decree of the Council of Trent concerning Matrimony has been published, marriage between two Catholics is not only unlawful but invalid without the presence of the Parish Priest and two witnesses. This decree is in force in the following places in the United States: 1. The Province of New Orleans. 2. The Province of San Francisco, and Utah Territory except the part lying east of the Colorado River. 3. The Province of Santa Fe, except the northern part of Colorado Territory. 4. The Diocese of Vincennes. 5. The city of St. Louis, and the parishes of St. Genevieve, St. Ferdinand, and St. Charles in the Diocese of St. Louis. 6. The parishes of Kaskaskia, Cahokia, French Village, and Prairie du Rocher, in the Diocese of Alton.

8. The Bond of a Previous Marriage. This is an Impediment which death alone can remove. *What, therefore, God hath joined together let not man put asunder* (*Matt. xix. 6*). No court, no judge, no legislature, no power on earth, can break the bond which unites husband and wife. For certain just causes, especially for the crime of adultery, they may *live separately*, but they are still married and cannot marry again. Let it be remembered that no so-called Divorce, no guilt, no desertion, can ever sever the marriage bond. Nothing but a *certain knowledge* of the death of one party can make it lawful for the other to marry.

II. THE PROHIBITORY IMPEDIMENTS.

1. A simple Vow to preserve chastity, to enter the priesthood or into a Religious Order.

2. A previous valid engagement to marry any person.

3. Impediments arising from *a Prohibition of the Church*, such as (1) the *solemnization* of marriage (in other words, to marry with outward pomp and festivity) during Advent or Lent. (2) *Mixed marriages*—the union of a Catholic with one who is not a Catholic. (See paragraph 2 in "Instructions" above.)

4. The *non-consent of parents*, when consent is withheld for good and just reasons.

In addition to these, there are a few other impediments which are not generally likely to occur. With regard to all such matters it is very important to consult the Priest when arranging for the marriage.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE BANNS.

In order to place a check upon clandestine marriages, to discover any impediments which may exist, to prevent deceptions and surprises, to afford parents and others interested an opportunity to interpose, if needful, and in order to procure the prayers of the faithful that God may give light, grace, and prosperity to the contracting parties, the Council of Trent has decreed *that the promise of marriage be published on three successive Sundays or Holydays, at the principal Mass, by the Parish Priest of the parties* (*Sess. 24*).

This is a very important law, and imposes very serious obligations. Bishops can, and for good and sufficient reason do, dispense with this law. Catholics should remember that it is a mortal sin to marry unless such dispensation is procured or the Banns published in regular form. There can be no doubt that if any one knows of an impediment in the way of a proposed marriage, he is in duty bound to reveal it.

PRAYER OF ONE ABOUT TO BE MARRIED.

O GRACIOUS Father, who dost bless us by Thy bounty, pardon us by Thy mercy, support and guide us by Thy grace, and govern us by Thy providence : I give Thee humble and hearty thanks for all the mercies which I have received at Thy hands in time past. And now, since Thou hast called me to the holy estate of marriage, be pleased to be with me in my entering into it and passing through it, that it may not be a state of temptation or sorrow to me by occasion of my sins or infirmities, but of holiness and comfort, of love and dutifulness, as Thou hast intended it to be to all that love and fear Thy holy name. *Amen.*

Here may be said Psalm 121 (*p. 201*).

THE RITUAL FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY.

The Priest, vested in a surplice and white stole (but vested as for Mass, yet without maniple, if the Nuptial Mass is to follow), attended by an acolyte holding a vessel of holy water, asks, in the vernacular, in the hearing of two or three witnesses, the man and the woman separately, as follows, concerning their consent. And first he asks the Bridegroom, who must stand at the right hand of the Bride:

N., WILT thou take N., here present, for thy lawful wife, according to the Rite of our holy Mother the Church?

R. I will.

Then the Priest asks the Bride:

N., wilt thou take N., here present, for thy lawful husband, according to the Rite of our holy Mother the Church?

R. I will.

The consent of one is not sufficient; it should be expressed by both, and there should be some sensible sign thereof. Having obtained this mutual consent, the Priest bids the man and woman join their right hands.

[*In places where it is customary, the man and woman pledge themselves one to the other as follows, repeating these words after the Priest:*

The man first says:

I, N.N., take thee, N.N., for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Then the woman says after the Priest:

I, N.N., take thee, N.N., for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.]

The Priest then says:

EGO conjungo vos in matrimonium, in nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.	I JOIN you together in marriage, in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.
Amen.	

He then sprinkles them with holy water.

This done, the Priest blesses the ring, saying:

ADJUTORIUM nostrum in nomine Domini.	OUR help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
BENEDIC, ✠ Domine, annulum hunc, quem nos in tuo nomine benedicimus, ✠ ut quæ eum gestaverit, fidelitatem integram suo sponso tenens, in pace et voluntate tua permaneat, atque in mutua charitate semper vivat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	BLESS, ✠ O Lord, this ring, which we bless ✠ in Thy name, that she who shall wear it, keeping faith unchanged with her husband, may abide in peace and obedience to Thy will, and ever live in mutual love. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then the Priest sprinkles the ring with holy water, in the form of a cross; and the Bridegroom, having received the ring from the hand of the Priest, places it on the third finger of the left hand of the Bride.

[*In some places the Bridegroom says after the Priest:*

WITH this ring I thee wed, and I plight unto thee my troth.]

The Priest then says.

IN nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.	IN the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

This done, the Priest adds:

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.	*V.* Confirm, O God, that which Thou hast wrought in us.

R. A templo sancto tuo quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Kyrie eleison.

R. Christe eleison.

V. Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster (*secreto*).

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Salvos fac servos tuos,

R. Deus meus, sperantes in te.

V. Mitte eis, Domine, auxilium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eos.

V. Esto eis, Domine, turris fortitudinis

R. A facie inimici.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

RESPICE, quæsumus, Domine, super hos

R. From Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Save Thy servants,

R. O my God, who put their trust in Thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.

R. And defend them out of Sion.

V. Be unto them, O Lord, a tower of strength

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

LOOK down, we beseech Thee, O Lord,

famulos tuos, et institutis tuis, quibus propagationem humani generis ordinasti, benignus assiste, ut qui te auctore junguntur, te auxiliante serventur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

upon these Thy servants, and graciously protect this Thine ordinance, whereby Thou hast provided for the propagation of mankind; that those who are joined together by Thine authority may be preserved by Thy help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this, if the Nuptial Benediction is to be given, the Mass is said pro Sponso et Sponsa, *as below; at which the newly-married parties are present, kneeling at the Altar-rail (or on faldstools, according to custom), the man on the right, and the woman on the left.*

THE MASS FOR BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE

[For the *Ordinary of the Mass* see p. 114.]

THE INTROIT.

DEUS Israel conjungat vos: et ipse sit vobiscum, qui misertus est duobus unicis: et nunc, Domine, fac eos plenius benedicere te.

MAY the God of Israel join you together: and may He be with you who was merciful to two only children: and now, O Lord, make them bless Thee more fully.

V. Beati omnes qui timent Dominum: qui ambulant in viis ejus.

V. Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: that walk in His ways.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Deus Israel conjungat vos, etc.

May the God of Israel, etc.

THE COLLECT.

EXAUDI nos, omnipotens et misericors Deus: ut quod nostro ministratur officio, tua benedictione potius impleătur. Per Dominum, etc.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, Almighty and merciful God, that what is performed by our ministry may be abundantly filled with Thy blessing. Through, etc.

THE EPISTLE, Eph. v. 22–33.

FRATRES: Mulieres viris suis subditæ sint, sicut Domino: quoniam vir caput est mulieris: sicut Christus caput est Ecclesiæ: Ipse, salvator corporis ejus. Sed sicut Ecclesia subjecta est Christo, ita et mulieres viris suis in omnibus. Viri, diligite uxores vestras, sicut et Christus dilexit Ecclesiam, et seipsum tradidit pro ea, ut illam sanctificaret, mundans lavacro aquæ in verbo vitæ, ut exhiberet ipse sibi gloriosam Ecclesiam, non habentem

LET women be subject to their husbands, as to the Lord; because man is head of the woman, as Christ is Head of the Church: Himself is Saviour of His body. But as the Church is subject to Christ, so also women to their husbands in all things. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also hath loved the Church, and delivered Himself up for it, that He might sanctify it, cleansing it with the laver of water in the word of life, that He Himself

maculam, aut rugam, aut aliquid hujusmodi, sed ut sit sancta et immaculata. Ita et viri debent diligere uxores suas, ut corpora sua. Qui suam uxorem diligit, seipsum diligit. Nemo enim unquam carnem suam odio habuit: sed nutrit, et fovet eam, sicut et Christus Ecclesiam: quia membra sumus corporis ejus, de carne ejus, et de ossibus ejus. Propter hoc relinquet homo patrem et matrem suam, et adhærebit uxori suæ: et erunt duo in carne una. Sacramentum hoc magnum est, ego autem dico in Christo, et in Ecclesia. Verumtamen et vos singuli, unusquisque uxorem suam, sicut seipsum diligat: uxor autem timeat virum suum.

might present to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it may be holy, and without blemish. So also the men ought to love their wives, as their own bodies. He who loveth his wife, loveth himself. For no man ever hated his own flesh, but he nourisheth and cherisheth it, as also Christ the Church: for we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This mystery is great, but I say in Christ, and in the Church. Nevertheless, let you also severally each love his wife as he loveth himself; and let the wife fear her husband.

THE GRADUAL.

UXOR tua sicut vitis abundans in lateribus domus tuæ.

THY wife shall be as a fruitful vine on the walls of thy house.

V. Filii tui sicut novellæ olivarum in circuitu mensæ tuæ. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Mittat vobis Dominus auxilium de sancto, et de Sion tueatur vos. Alleluia.

V. Thy children as olive plants round about thy table. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. May the Lord send you help from the sanctuary, and defend you out of Sion. Alleluia.

After Septuagesima, *instead of* Alleluia *and* V. *is said the*

TRACT.

ECCE sic benedicetur omnis homo qui timet Dominum.

V. Benedicat tibi Dominus ex Sion; et videas bona Jerusalem omnibus diebus vitæ tuæ.

V. Et videas filios filiorum tuorum: pax super Israel.

BEHOLD, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

V. May the Lord bless thee out of Sion; and mayest thou see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

V. And mayest thou see thy children's children: peace upon Israel.

At Easter-tide *the* Gradual *is omitted, and in its place is said:*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

MITTAT vobis Dominus auxilium de sancto: et de Sion tueatur vos. Alleluia.

V. Benedicat vobis Dominus ex Sion: qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

MAY the Lord send you help from the sanctuary: and defend you out of Sion. Alleluia.

V. May the Lord bless you out of Sion: who hath made heaven and earth.

Alleluia.

The Gospel, Matt. xix. 3–6.

IN illo tempore: Accesserunt ad Jesum Pharisæi tentantes eum, et dicentes: Si licet homini dimittere uxorem suam, quacumque ex causa? Qui respondens, ait eis: Non legistis, quia qui fecit hominem ab initio, masculum et feminam fecit eos? et dixit: Propter hoc dimittet homo patrem et matrem, et adhærebit uxori suæ, et erunt duo in carne una. Itaque jam non sunt duo, sed una caro. Quod ergo Deus conjunxit, homo non separet.

AT that time there came to Jesus the Pharisees, tempting Him, and saying: Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And He answered and said to them: Have ye not read, that He who made man from the beginning, made them male and female? and said: For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. Therefore now they are not two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

The Offertory.

IN te speravi, Domine: dixi, Tu es Deus meus: in manibus tuis tempora mea.

IN Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: I said, Thou art my God: my lot is in Thy hands.

The Secret Prayer.

SUSCIPE, quæsumus, Domine, pro sacra connubii lege munus oblatum: et cujus largitor es

RECEIVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gift which we here offer up in behalf of Thy holy Law operis, esto dispositor. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat, etc.

of Marriage: and as Thou art the Giver of the work, be Thou also the Disposer thereof. Through our Lord, etc.

After the Pater Noster *the Priest, standing at the Epistle side of the altar, and turning towards the Bridegroom and Bride, who kneel before the altar, says over them the following prayers:*

Oremus.

PROPITIARE, Domine, supplicationibus nostris, et institutis tuis, quibus propagationem humani generis ordinasti, benignus assiste; ut quod te auctore jungitur, te auxiliante servetur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, etc.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

BE favorable, O Lord, unto our prayers, and graciously protect Thine ordinance, whereby Thou hast provided for the propagation of mankind; that what is now joined together by Thine authority may be preserved by Thy help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui potestate virtutis tuæ de nihilo cuncta fecisti: qui dispositis universitatis exordiis, homine ad imaginem Dei facto, ideo inseparabile mulieris adjutorium condidisti, ut femineo corpori de virili dares carne principium, docens quod

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the might of Thy power didst make all things out of nothing; who, when the foundations of the world were laid, and man was made in the image of God, didst so ordain the inseparable aid of woman, as to give her body its ori-

ex uno placuisset institui, numquam licere disjungi: Deus, qui tam excellenti mysterio conjugalem copulam consecrasti, ut Christi et Ecclesiæ sacramentum præsignares in fœdere nuptiarum: Deus, per quem mulier jungitur viro, et societas principaliter ordinata ea benedictione donatur quæ sola nec per originalis peccati pœnam nec per diluvii est ablata sententiam: respice propitius super hanc famulam tuam, quæ maritali jungenda consortio, tua se expetit protectione muniri: sit in ea jugum dilectionis et pacis; fidelis et casta nubat in Christo, imitatrixque sanctarum permaneat feminarum: sit amabilis viro suo, ut Rachel, sapiens, ut Rebecca, longæva et fidelis, ut Sara: nihil in ea ex actibus suis ille auctor prævaricationis usurpet; nexa fidei mandatisque permaneat; uni thoro juncta, contactus illicitos fugiat; muniat infirmitatem su-

gin from that of man: teaching thereby that what it had pleased Thee to fashion out of one could never be lawfully put asunder: O God, who hast consecrated wedlock to so excellent a mystery, that in the marriage covenant Thou wouldst foreshow the mysterious union of Christ with His Church: O God, by whom woman is joined to man, and that union, established in the beginning, is gifted with a blessing, which alone was not taken away, either in punishment of original sin, or by the sentence of the Flood: look graciously down upon this Thy handmaid, now about to be joined in marriage, who heartily desires to be strengthened by Thy protection: may it be to her a yoke of love and peace; faithful and chaste may she marry in Christ, and be a follower of holy matrons; may she be pleasing to her husband like Rachel, wise like Re-

am robore disciplinæ; sit verecundia gravis, pudore venerabilis, doctrinis cœlestibus erudita; sit fœcunda in sobole, sit probata et innocens; et ad beatorum requiem, atque ad cœlestia regna perveniat; ut videant ambo filios filiorum suorum usque in tertiam et quartam generationem, et ad optatam perveniant senectutem. Per eumdem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

becca, long-lived and faithful like Sarah. In none of her deeds may that first author of transgression have any share; may she abide firmly knit unto the faith and the commandments; joined in one union, may she remain ever constant thereto; may she fortify her weakness by the strength of a chastened life; in shamefacedness be grave, in modesty worthy of respect, in heavenly doctrines learned; may she be fruitful in offspring; may she be approved and blameless; and attain unto the rest of the Blessed, and unto the heavenly kingdom; that they both see their children's children unto the third and fourth generation, and arrive at a happy old age. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. *R.* Amen.

THE COMMUNION.

ECCE sic benedicetur omnis homo, qui timet Dominum, et videas filios filiorum tuorum: pax super Israel.

BEHOLD, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord: and mayest thou see thy children's children: peace upon Israel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION.

QUÆSUMUS, omnipotens Deus, instituta providentiæ tuæ pio favore comitare: ut quos legitima societate connectis, longæva pace custodias. Per Dominum, etc.

WE beseech Thee, O God Almighty, to accompany with Thy gracious favor what Thy providence hath ordained; and preserve in continual peace those whom Thou hast joined in lawful union. Through our Lord, etc.

After the Benedicamus Domino. *the Priest turns towards the Bridegroom and Bride, and says:*

DEUS Abraham, Deus Isaac, et Deus Jacob sit vobiscum, et ipse adimpleat benedictionem suam in vobis; ut videatis filios filiorum vestrorum, usque ad tertiam et quartam generationem; et postea vitam æternam habeatis sine fine, adjuvante Domino nostro Jesu Christo: qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

MAY the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob be with you, and may He fulfil His blessing upon you; that you may see your children's children unto the third and fourth generation; and may afterwards have everlasting life, without end, by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

He then sprinkles them with holy water. Afterwards, bowing down before the Altar, he says the Placeat, *gives the Blessing, and ends the Mass as usual.*

THE MANNER OF ASSISTING AT MIXED MARRIAGES.

The Priest, having obtained the proper Dispensation for the marriage of a Catholic with a non-Catholic, should assure himself that the Catholic party shall not in anywise be impeded in the practice of the Catholic religion; that there shall be no probable danger of perversion; that the Catholic party shall endeavor with all earnestness to bring the non-Catholic spouse to the knowledge of the Truth; and that all children which may bless the union shall be baptized and brought up in the Catholic Faith.

The ceremony of a mixed marriage is not to be performed in a Church, but usually in some convenient room in the Rectory (or elsewhere, by special permission of the Ordinary). No sacred Vestment may be used, nor prayer said, nor blessing given. The Priest, about to assist at such marriage, first asks the man concerning his consent, as follows:

N., WILT thou take N., here present, for thy lawful wife?

R. I will.

Then the Priest asks the woman:

N., WILT thou take N., here present, for thy lawful husband?

R. I will.

Then, with right hands joined, they pledge themselves each to the other, repeating these words after the Priest:

The man first says:

I, N.N., take thee, N.N., for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer. in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Then the woman says:

I, N.N., take thee, N.N., for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

This done, the Priest says

BY the authority committed to me, I pronounce you united in the bonds of Matrimony.

The Bridegroom then places the Ring on the third finger of the left hand of the Bride, saying after the Priest

WITH this Ring I thee wed, and I plight unto thee my troth.

Afterwards the Priest may, at his discretion, address some suitable remarks to the married couple: recalling to their minds the indissoluble nature of the marriage bond; the peculiar sanctity of this estate: the harmony and mutual love which should prevail therein; and especially the solicitude which each should manifest to know the will of God, that, by constantly and faithfully fulfilling the same, they may attain unto everlasting salvation.

A HUSBAND'S PRAYER.

O GRACIOUS Father, Maker and Preserver of heaven and earth, who in the beginning didst institute matrimony, thereby foreshadowing the mystical union of the Church with our Saviour Christ, who, in the time of His ministry upon earth, did honor marriage with His first miracle: enable me, I pray Thee, by Thy grace to live in holiness and purity with the wife whom Thou hast given me. Mortify in me all violence of earthly passion, all selfishness and inconsiderateness (*here name any besetting sin which may be a hindrance to you*), that I may love her as Christ loved His Church, cherish and comfort her as my own body, and have as great care for her happiness as for my own. Grant that we may live in peace, without contention; in unity, without discord. [Give us, O Lord, discreet hearts and understanding minds, to bring up our children in Thy faith and fear, that they may be obedient to Thee and to Thy commandments, and to all that Thou requirest of them in duty towards their parents.] And give us, O Lord, a competency of estate, to maintain ourselves and our family according to that rank and calling wherein Thou hast placed us, without excess or vainglory, in singleness and pureness of heart. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A WIFE'S PRAYER.

O MERCIFUL Lord God, who in the beginning didst take Eve out of the side of Adam and didst give her to him as a helpmate: give me grace to live worthy of the honorable estate of matrimony to which Thou hast called me, that I may love my husband with a pure and chaste love, acknowledging him as my head, and truly reverencing and obeying him in all good things; that thereby I may please him, and live with him in all Christian quietness. Keep me from all worldliness and vanity. Help me, O Lord, that I may, under him, prudently and discreetly guide and govern his household. Let no fault of mine aggravate any sins by which he may be especially tempted; enable me to soothe him in perplexity, to cheer him in difficulty, to refresh him in weariness, and, as far as may be, to advise him in doubt. [Give me understanding so to fulfil my part in the education of our children, that they may be our joy in this world and our glory in the next.] Grant that our perfect union here may be the beginning of the still more perfect and blissful union hereafter in Thy kingdom; and this I pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER TO BE SAID BY HUSBAND OR WIFE.

O MERCIFUL God, we humbly beseech Thee to send Thy blessing continually upon us, and to make us thankful for all that Thou hast already vouchsafed unto us; and as Thou hast made us one in the mystical grace of matrimony, grant that we may be also inwardly of one heart and of one mind, paying due honor one to another, united in love to Thee and to each other in Thee; living together in peace and holiness, as faithful members of Thy Church, denying ourselves, and being a mutual help, comfort, and support to each other, all the days of our life. [Give us grace to train our children in Thy faith and fear.] Bless us with health and strength, if it be Thy will, and with whatever else Thy good providence shall see to be best for our souls and bodies. Fit and prepare us day by day for our departure hence, that we may together inherit eternal life in Thy heavenly kingdom. Through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A PARENT'S PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father and Maker of us all, who of Thy blessing and goodness hast vouchsafed to make me a father [*or* mother] of children: be pleased to accept my hearty thanksgiving and devout praise for the same; grant me Thy heavenly grace and assistance so to train up my children in Thy faith, fear, and love that as they advance in years they may grow in grace and may hereafter be found in the number of Thine elect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing of Women after Childbirth.

COMMONLY CALLED

THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN.

If, according to a pious and praiseworthy custom, a woman, after childbirth, wish to come to the Church to give thanks to God for her safe delivery, and to ask the Priest's blessing, he, vested in surplice and white stole, and attended by an acolyte carrying the holy-water sprinkler, will proceed to the door of the Church. While the woman kneels there, holding a lighted candle in her hand, the Priest sprinkles her with holy water and then says:

ADJUTORIUM nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Ant. Hæc accipiet.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Ant. She shall receive.

Psalm 23.

DOMINI est terra, et plenitudo ejus: orbis terrarum, et universi qui habitant in eo.

Quia ipse super maria

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world and all they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it

fundavit eum: et super flumina præparavit eum.	upon the seas: and hath prepared it upon the rivers.
Quis ascendet in montem Domini: aut quis stabit in loco sancto ejus?	Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord: or who shall stand in His holy place?
Innocens manibus et mundo corde: qui non accepit in vano animam suam, nec juravit in dolo proximo suo.	He that hath clean hands and a pure heart: who hath not taken his soul in vain, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbor.
Hic accipiet benedictionem a Domino: et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo.	He shall receive a blessing from the Lord; and mercy from God his Saviour.
Hæc est generatio quærentium eum : quærentium faciem Dei Jacob.	This is the generation of them that seek Him: of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Attollite portas, principes, vestras, et elevamini, portæ æternales: et introibit Rex gloriæ.	Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.
Quis est iste Rex gloriæ? Dominus fortis et potens; Dominus potens in prælio.	Who is this King of Glory? the Lord strong and mighty: the Lord mighty in battle.
Attollite portas, principes, vestras, et elevamini, portæ æternales: et introibit Rex gloriæ.	Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Quis est iste Rex gloriæ? Dominus virtutum, ipse est Rex gloriæ.	Who is this King of Glory? the Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.
Ant. Hæc accipiet benedictionem a Domino, et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo; quia hæc est generatio quærentium Dominum.	*Ant.* She shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God her Saviour; for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.

Then, reaching the end of the stole into the woman's hand, the Priest introduces her into the church, saying:

INGREDERE in templum Dei, adora Filium beatæ Mariæ Virginis, qui tibi fœcunditatem tribuit prolis.	ENTER thou into the temple of God, adore the Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who giveth thee fruitfulness of offspring.

And she, having entered, kneels before the Altar, and prays, giving thanks to God for the benefits bestowed upon her; and the Priest says.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. Salvam fac ancillam tuam, Domine,	*V.* O Lord, save Thy handmaid,

R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.

V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eam.

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in ea.

R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui per beatæ Mariæ Virginis partum fidelium parientium dolores in gaudium vertisti : respice propitius super hanc famulam tuam, ad templum sanctum tuum pro gratiarum actione lætam accedentem : et præsta, ut post hanc vitam, ejusdem beatæ Mariæ meritis et intercessione, ad æternæ

R. O my God, who putteth her trust in Thee.

V. Send her help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.

R. And defend her out of Sion.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against her.

R. Nor the son of iniquity draw nigh to hurt her.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, who, through the Delivery of the Blessed Virgin Mary, hast turned the pains of the faithful at childbirth into joy : look mercifully on this Thy handmaid, who cometh in gladness to Thy temple to offer up her thanks : and grant that after this life, through the merits and intercession of

beatitudinis gaudia cum prole sua pervenire mereatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

the same Blessed Mary, she may be found worthy to attain, together with her offspring, unto the joys of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Priest then sprinkles her with holy water in the form of a cross, saying:

PAX et benedictio Dei Omnipotentis, Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super te, et maneat semper.

Amen.

THE peace and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee, and remain with thee always. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER CHILDBIRTH.

GRACIOUS God, by whose providence we are made, who formest us in secret, who beholdest us when we are yet imperfect, and in whose book all shall be written: I humbly beseech Thee to accept this my acknowledgment of Thy power, and to receive this my most hearty praise and thanksgiving, which I now offer to Thy divine Majesty, for Thy favor and goodness towards me. Behold, O Lord, what Thine own hands have fashioned; and grant that this infant, which Thou hast made by Thy power, may be preserved by Thy goodness, and, through the grace of Thy Holy Baptism, may be made a living member of Thy Church and be carefully brought up to serve Thee in all piety and honesty. Through the merits of Thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Devotions for the Sick.

RULES FOR A SICK PERSON.

RECEIVE your sickness from the hands of your heavenly Father dealing with you as with a child.

2. Look on it as a loving correction for your sins, and as a summons to prepare more carefully for death.

3. Practise the virtues of patience and submission to the will of God; deepen your repentance and offer yourself to God to suffer, if it pleases Him, still greater pains; give thanks for the blessings you enjoy.

4. In any dangerous illness let your first care be to send for a Priest.

5. Engage your friends to give you timely notice if your illness be dangerous, and not to flatter you with false hopes of recovery.

6. Make the best use of the time you have; admit but few visitors; let your conversation be as little as may be of worldly matters.

7. Settle your temporal affairs, in order to give yourself more entirely to spiritual matters.

8. Meditate often on our Lord's Passion.

9. Bear in mind St. Augustine's words: *However innocent your life may have been, no Christian ought to venture to die in any other state than that of a penitent.*

PRAYER IN THE BEGINNING OF SICKNESS.

O HEAVENLY Father, who in Thy wisdom knowest what is best for me, glory be to Thee. Lord, if it seem good in Thy sight, remove from me this sickness which I now feel seizing upon me, that I may employ my health to Thy glory, and praise Thy name. But if Thou art pleased it should grow on me, I willingly submit to Thy afflicting hand, for Thou art wont to chasten those whom Thou dost love, and Thou hast promised not to lay on me any more than Thou wilt enable me to bear. I know, O my God, that Thou sendest this sickness on me for my good, even to humble and to prove me ; O grant that it may not fail to work that saving effect in me. O Lord, create in me a true sorrow for all my past sins, a firm faith in Thee, and sincere resolutions of amendment for the time to come. Deliver me from all fretfulness and impatience, and give me an entire resignation to Thy divine will : O suffer not my sickness to take away my senses, and do Thou continually supply my thoughts with holy ejaculations. Lord, bless all the means that are used for my recovery, and restore me to my health, if it be Thy will, in Thy good time ; but if Thou hast appointed otherwise for me, Thy blessed will be done. O wean my affections from all things of earth, and fill me with ardent desires after heaven : Lord, fit me for Thyself, and then call me, when Thou pleasest, to that joy unspeakable and full of glory ; for the sake of Thine Only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A DAILY PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, behold I receive this sickness, with which Thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from Thy Fatherly hand. It is Thy will that it should be thus with me. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honor of Thy holy name and for the good of my soul. For these ends I here offer myself to Thee with entire submission; to suffer what Thou pleasest, as long as Thou pleasest, and in what manner Thou pleasest: for I am Thy creature and Thy child, who have most ungratefully offended Thee. I have truly deserved Thy chastisement, and far more than Thou layest on me, but, O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine indignation, neither chasten me in Thy sore displeasure. Look upon my weakness, and be merciful unto me, for Thou knowest whereof I am made, Thou rememberest that I am but dust; deal not with me therefore after my sins, nor reward me according to mine iniquities; but according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies have compassion upon me. Assist me, I pray Thee, with Thy heavenly grace, and give me strength, that I may be able to bear with Christian patience all the pains, uneasiness, and trials of my sickness. Preserve me from all temptations so far as Thou seest fit, and be Thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that I may in nowise offend Thee; and if it be Thy will that this sickness should be my last, I beg of Thee so to direct me by Thy grace that I may in no way neglect or be deprived of those Sacraments which Thou hast ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for its passage into eternity; so that, being cleansed from all my sins, I may put my whole trust in Thee, and love Thee above all things; and that finally, through the merits of the Passion and Death of Thy Son, I may be admitted into the company of the Blessed, there to praise Thee for ever, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ACTS OF MOST NECESSARY VIRTUES FOR THE SICK.

Act of Resignation.

LORD, I accept this sickness from Thy Fatherly hands; I entirely resign myself to Thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but Thine be done; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Act of Submission.

LORD, I submit to all the pains and uneasiness of this my illness: my sins have deserved infinitely more. Thou art just, O Lord, and Thy judgment is right.

Act of Self-Oblation.

LORD, I offer up to Thee all that I now suffer, or may have to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Saviour, and to be sanctified by His Passion.

Act of Adoration.

I ADORE Thee, O my God and my All, as my First Beginning and my Last End; I desire to pay Thee the best homage that I am able, and to bow down all the powers of my soul to Thee.

Act of Praise.

LORD, I desire to praise Thee for ever, in sickness as well as in health; I desire to join my heart and voice with the whole Church of heaven and earth, in blessing Thee for ever.

Act of Thanksgiving.

I GIVE Thee thanks, O Lord, from the bottom of my heart, for all the mercies and blessings which

Thou hast bestowed upon me and on Thy whole Church through Jesus Christ Thy Son; above all, because Thou hast loved me from all eternity, and hast sent Thy Son to redeem me with His precious Blood. O let not that Blood be shed for me in vain.

Act of Faith.

LORD, I believe all those heavenly truths which Thou hast revealed, and which Thy Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. Thou art the Sovereign Truth, who neither canst deceive nor be deceived. Thou hast promised Thy Spirit of Truth to guide Thy Church into all truth. In this Faith I resolve, through Thy grace, both to live and die. O Lord, strengthen and increase this my faith.

Act of Hope.

O MY God, all my hope is in Thee! Through Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, through His Passion and Death, I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation from Thee. In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be confounded. O Sweet Jesus, receive me into Thine arms in this day of my distress; hide me in Thy Wounds, bathe my soul in Thy precious Blood.

Act of Love.

I LOVE Thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things: at least I desire so to love Thee. O come now and take full possession of my soul, and teach me to love Thee for ever. I desire to depart, and to be with Christ. O when will Thy kingdom come? O Lord, when wilt Thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

Act of Love of One's Neighbor.

I DESIRE to love my neighbor with perfect charity for the love of Thee. I forgive from my heart all who have in any way offended or injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have in any way offended or injured.

Act of Contrition.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy: and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. O who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes, that, day and night, I may bewail my sins? O that I had never offended so good a God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have always preserved their baptismal innocence! Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; Holy Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon me.

Act of Commendation to God.

I COMMEND my soul to God my Maker, who created me from nothing; to Jesus Christ my Saviour, who redeemed me with His Blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Act of Renunciation of Evil.

I RENOUNCE, from this moment and for all eternity, the devil and all his works and pomps. I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not, O Lord, this mortal enemy of my soul to have any power over me, either now or at my last hour. Let

Thy holy Angels ever keep me and defend me against all the powers of darkness.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of God, who wert present beneath the Cross at the death of thy beloved Son Jesus, obtain for me the grace of a happy death. *Hail Mary.*

Glorious St. Michael, Prince of the heavenly host, intercede for me at the hour of my death.

O holy Guardian Angel, to whose care God, in His mercy, has committed me, stand by me at the last hour; protect me against all the powers of darkness; defend me from all my enemies, and conduct my soul to the mansions of bliss.

O all ye blessed Angels and Saints of God, assist me by your intercession in the passage from time to eternity. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR PATIENCE.

REMEMBER, O most pitying Father, what this frail and feeble work of Thy hands can bear without fainting; nothing, indeed, of itself, but all things in Thee, if strengthened by Thy grace. Wherefore grant me strength, that I may suffer and endure; patience alone I ask. Lord, give me this, and behold my heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready to receive whatsoever shall be laid upon me; may it even be a consolation to me that, afflicting me with pain, Thou sparest not here, that Thou mayest spare hereafter. Grant, O Lord, that in my patience I may possess my soul; to that end may I often look upon the Face of Christ Thy Son, that as He hath suffered such terrible things in the flesh, I may endeavor to be armed with the same mind. Wherefore I commit my strength unto Thee, O Lord; for Thou art my Strength and my Refuge; Thou dost uphold my life. Behold, O Lord, now am I in the midst of the fire, and how long I shall be there Thou knowest. Keep me, Thou who didst preserve unhurt the Three Children in the furnace of fire, and bring me safe out of this trial when it shall please Thee, as Thou didst deliver them, that I also may bless Thee with all Thy creatures for ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER IN SUFFERING.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, accept my sufferings which I desire to unite with Thine. Sanctify this affliction, so that every pang I feel may purify my soul and bring it nearer to Thee, to be made more one with Thee; grant that I may welcome the sufferings which will make me more like to Thee.

O my Lord, stand Thou by me with Thy supporting grace; sanctify each pang, sustain my weakness. And then order for me what Thou pleasest. Come now to my help, O Lord, and so purify my soul that I may be spared the last, the eternal suffering; let me fly to the embrace of Thy love for ever.

Lord Jesus, hast Thou not invited all that labor and are heavy-burdened to come to Thee for refreshment? Behold now Thy servant, afflicted and oppressed, comes to Thee for help; relieve me, I beseech Thee, Thou who art Infinite in mercy.

O Thou who hast comforted the Martyrs in their torments, and refreshed them with heavenly sweetness on the rack and in the fire, renew Thy mercies to me Thine unworthy servant; defend me against all temptation, suffer not the enemy to take advantage of me, but grant me Thy heavenly strength, the fulness of Thy grace and peace. *Amen.*

Ejaculation.

O LORD, by Thy Cross and Passion strengthen me; Lord, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR A GOOD DEATH.(i)

O LORD JESUS, God of goodness, and Father of mercies, I draw nigh to Thee with a contrite and humble heart; to Thee I recommend the last hour of my life, and that judgment which awaits me afterwards.

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to an end,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my hands, cold and trembling, shall no longer be able to clasp the crucifix, and, against my will, shall let it fall on my bed of suffering,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When mine eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on Thee, my last and only support,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my lips, pale and trembling, shall pronounce for the last time Thine adorable name,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forbode mine approaching end,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When mine ears, soon to be for ever shut to the discourse of men, shall be open to that irrevocable decree which is to fix my doom for all eternity,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of Thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavor to conceal Thy mercies from mine eyes, and plunge me into despair,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my poor heart, oppressed with suffering and exhausted by its continual struggles with the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from mine eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance; and then, in that dreadful moment,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my friends and relations, surrounding my bed, shall be moved with compassion for me, and invoke Thy clemency in my behalf,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the world shall have vanished from my sight, when mine agonizing soul shall feel the pangs of death, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my last sighs shall force my soul from my body, accept them as signs of a loving impatience to come to Thee,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid farewell to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to Thy divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When at length my soul, admitted to Thy presence, shall first behold the splendor of Thy Majesty, reject it not, but receive me into Thy bosom, where I may for ever sing Thy praises; and in that moment when eternity shall begin for me,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death: grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may be made worthy to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience and in the embrace of Thy love. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MARY, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. O Refuge of sinners, O Mother of those in their agony, forsake us not in the hour of our death, but obtain for us perfect sorrow, sincere contrition, remission of our sins, a worthy reception of the most holy Viaticum, the strengthening power of the Sacrament of Extreme Unction; that we may present ourselves without fear before the throne of that Judge who is both Just and Merciful, our God and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.(i)

THANKSGIVING FOR RECOVERY.

GLORY be to Thee, O heavenly Father, for the sickness Thou hast in mercy sent me. Lord, the stripes Thou didst lay on me were the stripes of love; glory be to Thee. Before I was humbled I did wickedly; but now will I keep Thy word. It is good for me that Thou hast humbled me, that I might learn Thine ordinances.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee, for delivering me from the terrors of death, and restoring me to my health again; glory be to Thee. I called upon the Lord in my trouble, and the Lord heard me. I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. Bless the Lord, therefore, O my soul: as long as I have my life, which at first God gave me, and which He has now restored to me, I will sing praises unto my God.

O Lord God, who hast in Thy tender mercy prolonged my days in this world, give me grace to spend this life, which Thou hast now lengthened, in Thy service. O give me grace to perform all my resolutions of new obedience, and so to live in the filial fear of Thee all the remainder of my time that I may at last die at peace with myself, at peace with the whole world, and at peace with Thee; for the sake of Thy Dearly-beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon me and all belonging to me, and dwell in my heart and be with me in my going out and coming in, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY VIATICUM.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all consolation, behold I Thy creature, made after Thine Image and redeemed by the Blood of Thy Only-begotten Son, appear before Thee my Creator; by whom and for whom I was created, by whose grace I have hitherto lived; unto whom henceforth, so long as Thou seest good, I would wish to live; for whom, and in whom, I desire to die; I humbly adore Thee, whom my soul desireth and longeth for; I cry to Thee, whom alone I love above all things, O Thou my Rest, my Hope, my Love, my Desire, my heart's only Good.

O most loving Father, although I am the least of all Thy children, yea, unworthy to be called Thy child, because I have not honored Thee as a Father, yet I come to Thee with full confidence, and throw myself upon the breast and into the arms of Thy most sweet love and mercy, grieving from my inmost soul that I have ever forsaken Thee, my God, the Fountain of all good; that I have departed from Thee, my most loving Father; and have forgotten Thee, who, as though there were none else to care for, every moment rememberest me. O that I had never offended Thee, my God and my all; accept at least this the ardent wish and desire of my inmost heart; look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me now in the time of pity; Thou knowest, O Lord, that I love Thee, or desire to love Thee, more than myself, more than all that claims or can claim my love. I know whom I have believed, and that Thou art able to keep that which I have committed to Thee: I know, too, that a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

I hope, O Lord, that Thou wilt never cast me away from Thy Presence, Thou who dost so lovingly invite us to Thyself, saying, *Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-burdened, and I will refresh you.* Behold, I come, O Lord; Thou that castest not out any that come to Thee, receive me according to Thy word, and I shall live, and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

I give Thee infinite thanks because Thou hast vouchsafed to think of me so lovingly from all eternity, for creating me in time after Thine Image, and, when the fulness of time was come, for redeeming me by the Blood of Thine Only-begotten Son, for sparing me so often when sinning, and calling me so often out of the darkness of sin into Thy marvellous light.

What reward shall I give unto Thee, Lord Jesus, for Thy toilsome Life and most bitter Death, for vouchsafing so often to feed me with Thy Body and Thy Blood? What return shall I make unto Thee for all the benefits Thou hast bestowed upon me, O beloved Spouse of my soul? The deep of my nothingness and my misery calleth on the deep of Thy goodness and Thy boundless love, because of Thy wounds: in them is all my hope and my confidence: through them, and the boundless ocean of Thy love that flows from them, I come in confidence to Thee, wretched though I am, and poor and naked; for Thou art rich towards all, and my goods are as nothing unto Thee. I will take cheerfully at Thy hand the cup of salvation which Thou givest me to drink, bitter though it be, and I will drink it with Thee, who didst drain it first for me when Thou didst so earnestly thirst for my salvation. I will call upon the name of the Lord, and offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving. O that in return for this I could embrace Thee with all the love of the heavenly company, Angels and Saints, and, above all, of Blessed Mary, Thine Immaculate Mother; and that, with the voices and affections of all Thy creatures, I could praise and magnify Thy name.

Accept, Lord, my heart as a burnt offering; I give it all to Thee; I give Thee mine eyes, to see Thee alone and all things in Thee: mine ears, to hear Thy Word: my mouth, my lips and tongue, to be filled with Thy praise, and to sing of Thy glory and of Thy greatness all the day long: my hands, to be stretched forth in prayer to Thee in heaven, or in alms to the poor, and to do Thy will: my feet, to be led into the way of peace: all my members, that they may say, Lord, who is like unto Thee? Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me bless His holy name: bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. I now freely surrender all these earthly things, for in Thee alone I have all things: I renounce myself, for I am Thine: I live, yet not I, but Thou, Christ Jesus, livest in me. I love Thee with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength. *Amen.*

The Holy Viaticum.

THE Viaticum is the Holy Eucharist administered with the intention of preparing the sick for death. This blessed Sacrament is indeed the bread of life, of which every good Christian frequently partakes during health; but when the soul is about to pass from the body there arises a new and peculiar obligation of receiving it. This obligation is founded on the abundant graces which this holy Sacrament, above all the rest, is capable of imparting, and which are at that time so necessary. It is the safeguard that must preserve the soul on its journey to heaven; it is the pledge of immortal glory. *He who eateth this bread shall live for ever* (St. John vi. 59). And so urgent is the obligation of receiving it at the approach of death, that the Church dispenses with her rule in behalf of those who are dangerously sick, and allows them to communicate after having broken their fast. The sick person will therefore use his best endeavor to make a worthy preparation for this blessed Sacrament.

Before the Priest arrives the following things should be made ready in the sick-room: (1) a table, covered with a clean, white cloth; and upon it (2) at least one candlestick, holding a blessed candle lighted; (3) a Crucifix; (4) two small glasses, one containing holy water, and the other pure fresh water (for the ablution after Communion); and (4) a tablespoon (with which the Priest administers the ablution to the sick person).

The Priest bearing the Blessed Sacrament should be met at the door by some one holding a lighted candle, who should go before him to the place prepared. All should then retire, while the confession of the sick person is being heard, and return immediately thereafter to assist at the giving of the Holy Communion: remaining kneeling and spending the time in prayer.

The Priest, on entering the sick person's room with the Blessed Sacrament, says:

PAX huic domui.	PEACE be unto this house.
R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.	*R.* And unto all who dwell therein.

Then, placing the Holy Sacrament, with the corporal, on a table when the candles have been lighted he adores upon his knees, all present doing likewise; after which he takes holy water and sprinkles the sick person and the bed, saying:

ASPERGES me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.	THOU shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.
Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.	Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum.	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.	

Then is repeated the Antiphon, Thou shalt sprinkle me, etc. *Afterwards:*

ADJUTORIUM nostrum in nomine Domini.	OUR help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit çœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

EXAUDI nos, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus; et mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de cœlis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet, atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

HEAR us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all those that dwell in this house. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Priest then approaches the sick person, to learn if he be properly disposed to receive the Holy Viaticum, *and whether he wishes to make a confession of any sin. If so, he hears the confession and gives absolution. (The confession should, however, have been made beforehand, unless necessity demanded otherwise.) Then, the* Confiteor *having been recited by the sick person, or by another in his name, the Priest says:*

MISEREATUR tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam. *R.* Amen.

MAY Almighty God have mercy upon thee, and forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee unto life everlasting. *R.* Amen.

INDULGENTIAM, ✠ absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum tuorum tribuat tibi omnipotens et misericors Dominus. *R.* Amen.

MAY the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant thee pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of thy sins.

R. Amen.

Then, making a genuflection, he takes the Blessed Sacrament from the Pyx, and, raising it, shows it to the sick person, saying:

ECCE Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

And thrice in the accustomed manner:

DOMINE, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum; sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

And the sick person should at least once, in a low tone, say the same words together with the Priest; then the Priest, giving the Holy Eucharist to the sick person, says:

ACCIPE, *frater*, Viaticum corporis Domini nostri Jesu Christi, qui te custodiat ab hoste maligno, et perducat in vitam æternam. Amen.

RECEIVE, *brother*, the Viaticum of the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ; may He preserve thee from the wicked enemy, and bring thee unto life everlasting. Amen.

[*But if Communion is not given in the way of* Viaticum, *he says the ordinary words :*

Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam æternam. Amen.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto life everlasting. Amen.]

If death be imminent and there be danger in delay, then all the other prayers are partly or wholly omitted, and, the Confiteor *being said, the* Viaticum *is administered at once.*

The Priest then washes his fingers in silence, and the ablution is given to the sick person ; after which the Priest says :

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

DOMINE sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, te fideliter deprecamur, ut accipienti *fratri* nostr*o* sacrosanctum Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi Filii tui, tam corpori, quam animæ prosit ad remedium sempiternum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, we earnestly beseech Thee that the most sacred Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, which our *brother* hath now received, may be to *him* an eternal remedy both of body and soul. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

After this prayer, if any particle of the Blessed Sacrament remains, the Priest genuflects, rises, and taking the Blessed Sacrament in its receptacle, he makes with It the sign of the Cross over the sick person, in silence. If no particle remains, the Priest blesses with his hand in the usual manner.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNICATING.

GLORY be to Thee, O Christ, Who hast vouchsafed to visit and refresh my poor soul with Thy sweetness. Now, O Lord, lettest Thou Thy Servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation. I hold Thee now, my Love and Sweetness, and will not let Thee go: I gladly bid farewell to the world and all therein; and now I come with joy, my God, to Thee. Henceforth nothing, O good Jesus, shall part me from Thee: I am joined to Thee, O Christ; I will live in Thee and die in Thee, and if Thou wilt, abide in Thee for ever. Now I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. I am weary of my life; I desire to depart and to be with Christ; to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. I will fear no evil as I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, for Thou, O Lord, art with me: as the hart panteth after the water-springs, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God; my soul hath thirsted after the strong Living God; when shall I come and appear before the Face of God? Bless me, most Loving Jesus, and let me now depart in peace, for I am Thine; and I will never let Thee go for ever. O that I were now joined to Thee in a blessed union for ever! O that I were wholly taken up, wholly absorbed and buried in Thee! O that my soul, resting sweetly in Thy Arms, were altogether taken up in Thee, and blissfully enjoyed Thee, my loving God! What more have I to do with the world, my most loving Jesus? Behold, there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee. Into Thy hands, Lord Jesus, I commend my spirit. Receive me, my Love and Sweetness, that it may be well with me for ever, and that I may gently lay me down in peace in Thee, and take my rest. *Amen.*

The Sacrament of Extreme Unction.

OUR Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in His tender solicitude for those whom He has redeemed by His precious Blood, has been pleased to institute another Sacrament to help us at that most important hour on which eternity depends—the hour of death. This Sacrament is called Extreme Unction, or the Last Anointing.

Of this Sacrament St. James the Apostle thus speaks: *Is any man sick among you? Let him call in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him* (v. 14, 15). These words show the great and salutary graces bestowed by this Sacrament.

The Priest, in administering this Sacrament, anoints the five principal senses of the body—the eyes, the ears, the nostrils, the lips, the hands—and the feet, because these may have been employed, during life, in offending God. At each anointing he pronounces these words: *Through this holy unction, and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever sins thou hast committed by sight, hearing, etc.*

The sick person should endeavor to prepare himself to receive this Sacrament by acts of sincere contrition for all his sins, by great confidence in the tender mercies of his Redeemer, and by a perfect resignation of himself to the holy will of God.

A PRAYER BEFORE EXTREME UNCTION.

O LORD, Who hast mercifully provided remedies for all our necessities; grant me Thy grace so to use them that my soul may receive all those good effects which Thou didst intend in their institution. I desire now to be anointed, as Thou hast commanded by Thine Apostle. Grant, I beseech Thee, that by this holy Unction, and the prayers of the Church, I may partake of that spirit with which Christ suffered on the Cross, for Thy glory, and for the destruction of sin. Give me true patience to support all the pains and trouble of my sickness; give me an inward strength to resist all the temptations of the enemy; give me grace for the pardon of all my failings; give me that true light, by which I may be conducted through the shadow of death to eternal happiness; and if my health be expedient for Thy glory, let this be the means to restore it. Behold, I approach to this holy Ordinance with a firm faith and confidence in Thy goodness, that Thou wilt not forsake me in this time of my distress; but that Thou wilt fortify me with Thy grace, and defend me from all evil, and prepare my soul for a happy eternity. *Amen.*

THE MANNER OF ADMINISTERING THE SACRAMENT OF EXTREME UNCTION.

On arriving at the place where the sick man lies, the Priest, with the holy oil, entering the chamber, says

PAX huic domui.	PEACE be unto this house.
R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.	*R.* And unto all who dwell therein.

Then after placing the oil on a table being vested in a surplice and violet stole, he offers the sick man a crucifix piously to kiss; after which he sprinkles both the chamber and the bystanders with holy water in the form of a cross, saying the Asperges *as at p. 476 Then he says:*

ADJUTORIUM nostrum in nomine Domini.	OUR help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
INTROEAT, Domine Jesu Christe, domum hanc sub nostræ humilitatis ingressu, æterna felicitas, divina prosperitas, serena lætitia, charitas fructuosa, sanitas sempi-	MAY there enter, O Lord Jesus Christ, into this house, at the entrance of our lowliness, everlasting happiness, heaven-sent prosperity, peaceful gladness, fruitful cha-

terna: effugiat ex hoc loco accessus dæmonum, adsint angeli pacis, domumque hanc deserat omnis maligna discordia. Magnifica, Domine, super nos nomen sanctum tuum, et benedic ✠ nostræ conversationi: sanctifica nostræ humilitatis ingressum, qui sanctus et qui pius es, et permanes cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

rity, abiding health: may the devils fear to approach this place, may the angels of peace be present therein, and may all wicked strife depart from this house. Magnify, O Lord, upon us Thy holy name, and bless ✠ our ministry: hallow the entrance of our lowliness, Thou who art holy and compassionate, and abidest with the Father and the Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.

OREMUS et deprecemur Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, ut benedicendo benedicat ✠ hoc tabernaculum, et omnes habitantes in eo, et det eis angelum bonum custodem, et faciat eos sibi servire, ad considerandum mirabilia de lege sua: avertat ab eis omnes contrarias potestates; eripiat eos ab omni formidine et ab omni perturbatione, ac sanos in hoc tabernaculo custodire dignetur. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sanc-

LET us pray and beseech our Lord Jesus Christ, that blessing He may bless ✠ this abode, and all who dwell therein, and give unto them a good angel for their keeper, and make them serve Him, so as to behold wondrous things out of His law. May He ward off from them all adverse powers: may He deliver them from all fear and from all disquiet, and vouchsafe to keep in health them that dwell in this house. Who, to vivit et regnat Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

Amen.

with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God world without end. Amen.

Oremus.

EXAUDI nos, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, et mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de cœlis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

Let us pray.

HEAR us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all those that dwell in this house. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(These prayers, if time will not permit, may be either wholly or in part omitted.) After which is said the Confiteor, etc. *as at p. 35.*

Before the Priest begins to anoint the sick person he admonishes the bystanders to pray for him; and, when it is convenient to do so, they recite for him the Penitential Psalms *(p. 245), with Litanies or other prayers, while the Priest is administering the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. Then he says:*

IN nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, ✠ et Spiritus ✠ Sancti, extinguatur in te omnis virtus diaboli, per impositionem manuum nostrarum et per invocationem omnium sanctorum Angelorum, Archangelorum, Patriarcharum, Pro-

IN the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost, may all the power of the devil be extinguished in thee, by the laying on of our hands, and by the invocation of all holy Angels, Archangels, Patriarchs, phetarum, Apostolorum, Martyrum, Confessorum, Virginum, atque omnium simul Sanctorum. Amen.

Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and of the whole company of the Saints. Amen.

Then, dipping his thumb in the holy oil, he anoints the sick person, in the form of a cross, on the parts mentioned below, using the words of the form as follows:

On the eyes.

PER istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam misericordiam, indulgeat tibi Dominus quidquid per visum deliquisti.

Amen.

THROUGH this holy unction ✠ and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever sins thou hast committed by sight.

Amen.

(With cotton he wipes the anointed parts.)

On the ears.

PER istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam misericordiam, indulgeat tibi Dominus quidquid per auditum deliquisti.

Amen.

THROUGH this holy unction ✠ and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever sins thou hast committed by hearing.

Amen.

On the nostrils.

PER istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam misericordiam, indulgeat tibi Do-

THROUGH this holy unction ✠ and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee minus quidquid per odoratum deliquisti.

Amen.

whatsoever sins thou hast committed by smell.

Amen.

On the mouth, the lips being closed.

PER istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam misericordiam, indulgeat tibi Dominus quidquid per gustum et locutionem deliquisti.

Amen.

THROUGH this holy unction ✠ and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever sins thou hast committed by taste and speech.

Amen.

On the hands.

PER istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam misericordiam, indulgeat tibi Dominus quidquid per tactum deliquisti.

Amen.

THROUGH this holy unction ✠ and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever sins thou hast committed by touch.

Amen.

On the feet.

PER istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam misericordiam, indulgeat tibi Dominus quidquid per gressum deliquisti.

Amen.

THROUGH this holy unction ✠ and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatsoever sins thou hast committed by thy footsteps. Amen.

This done, the Priest says :

KYRIE eleison. Christe eleison.	LORD, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).
Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. Salvum fac *servum tuum*, Domine.	*V.* Save Thy *servant.*
R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.	*R.* O my God, who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de sancto.	*V.* Send *him* help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.
R. Et de Sion tuere *eum.*	*R.* And defend *him* out of Sion.
V. Esto ei, Domine, turris fortitudinis.	*V.* Be unto *him*, O Lord, a tower of strength.
R. A facie inimici.	*R.* From the face of the enemy.
V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in *eo.*	*V.* Let not the enemy prevail against *him.*
R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei.	*R.* Nor the son of iniquity draw nigh to hurt *him.*
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

DOMINE Deus, qui per Apostolum tuum Jacobum locutus es: Infirmatur quis in vobis? inducat presbyteros Ecclesiæ, et orent super eum, ungentes eum oleo in nomine Domini, et oratio fidei salvabit infirmum, et alleviabit eum Dominus; et si in peccatis sit, remittentur ei: cura, quæsumus, Redemptor noster, gratia Sancti Spiritus languores istius infir*mi*, ejusque sana vulnera, et dimitte peccata, atque dolores cunctos mentis et corporis ab *eo* expelle, plenamque interius et exterius sanitatem misericorditer redde, ut ope misericordiæ tuæ restitut*us*, ad pristina reparetur officia. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Let us pray.

LORD God, who hast spoken by Thine Apostle James, saying: Is any man sick among you? Let him call in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him: cure, we beseech Thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, the ailments of this sick *man;* heal *his* wounds, and forgive *his* sins; drive out from *him* all pains of body and mind, and mercifully restore to *him* full health, both inwardly and outwardly: that, having recovered by the help of Thy loving-kindness, *he* may be enabled to return to *his* former duties. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

Oremus.

RESPICE, quæsumus, Domine, famul*um tuum*, N., infirmitate sui corporis fatiscentem, et animam refove quam creasti: ut castigationibus emendat*us*, se tua sentiat medicina salvat*um*. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

Let us pray.

LOOK down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon Thy *servant*, N., languishing through bodily ailment, and refresh the soul which Thou hast created, that, being bettered by Thy chastisements, *he* may feel *him*self saved by Thy healing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oremus.

DOMINE sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, qui benedictionis tuæ gratiam ægris infundendo corporibus, facturam tuam multiplici pietate custodis: ad invocationem tui nominis benignus assiste, ut famul*um tuum* ab ægritudine liberat*um* et sanitate donat*um* dextera tua erigas, virtute confirmes, potestate tuearis, atque Ecclesiæ tuæ sanctæ cum omni desiderata prosperitate restituas. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, who, by shedding Thy gracious blessing upon our failing bodies, dost preserve, by Thy manifold goodness, the work of Thy hands: graciously draw near at the invocation of Thy name, that, having freed Thy *servant* from sickness, and bestowed health upon *him*, Thou mayest raise *him* up by Thy right hand, strengthen *him* by Thy might, defend *him* by Thy power, and restore *him* to Thy holy Church, with all

the prosperity *he* desires. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lastly, the Priest may add some short and salutary admonitions according to the condition of the sick person, whereby he may be strengthened to die in the Lord, and to put to flight all the temptations of the Evil One.

A PRAYER AFTER EXTREME UNCTION.

O GOD, by whom I have been created, redeemed, and sanctified; who hast preserved me from many dangers, both of soul and body; who hast nourished me with the adorable Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, and granted me the grace to receive the Rites of Thy Church, in preference to so many others who are carried off by sudden death; for these and all other blessings which I have received from Thee, I give Thee most humble and hearty thanks. And I beseech Blessed Mary, and all the Saints and Angels, with me and for me, to give thanks unto Thee for all Thy mercies. To Thee I resign my heart. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Receive me, O dear Jesus, in Thy mercy, into those loving arms, which were extended on the Cross for my Redemption, and admit me into the embraces of Thine infinite love. I desire not to be freed from my pains, since Thou knowest what is best for me. Suffer me never to murmur; but grant me patience to bear whatever Thou wilt, and as long as Thou wilt. Should it be Thy Will to inflict greater punishments on my weak body and languishing soul than those which I now suffer.

my heart is ready, O Lord, to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner and whatever measure may be most conformable to Thy divine Will.

This one grace I most humbly beg of Thee, that I may die the death of the just, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory and sinful life, into the Kingdom of Thy Glory, there to see and enjoy Thee in the company of the Blessed for a never-ending eternity. *Amen.*

The Visitation of the Sick.

THE following prayers are left entirely to the discretion of the Priest. According to the time and the condition of the sick person, they may be said wholly or in part, or altogether omitted. The Priest, entering the room in which the sick person lies, first says:

V. Peace be unto this house.

R. And unto all who dwell therein.

Then he sprinkles the sick person and the bed and the room with holy water, saying the Antiphon Thou shalt sprinkle me, etc. *as on p. 476.*

He then administers to the sick person as circumstances require. Which done, or before he leaves the sick-room, he may say over the sick person any one of the first four Penitential Psalms (p. 245) *or the Psalm* Qui habitat (p. [illegible]) *adding the* Glory be to the Father *at the end. He then says:*

LORD, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy. Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. Save thy *servant,*
R. O my God, who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
V. Send *him* help, O Lord, from Thy holy place,
R. And defend *him* out of Sion.
V. Let not the enemy prevail against *him,*
R. Nor the son of iniquity draw nigh to hurt *him.*

V. Be unto *him*, O Lord, a tower of strength,
R. From the face of the enemy.
V. The Lord bring strength unto *him*
R. Upon *his* bed of pain.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer,
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with you,
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare: graciously receive our supplication, that we, and this Thy *servant*, whom the chains of sin do hold in bondage, may by the compassion of Thy loving-kindness be mercifully absolved.

O God, the one only remedy for human infirmity, show forth upon this Thy sick *servant* the power of Thine aid, that, strengthened by the might of Thy tender mercy, *he* may be found worthy to be restored whole unto Thy holy Church.

Grant, O Lord God, we beseech Thee, that this Thy *servant* may rejoice in continual health of body and mind; and, through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be freed from *his* present sorrow, and enjoy eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee, and remain with thee always. *R.* Amen.

He then sprinkles the sick person with holy water.

The Priest may also say the Psalms, Gospels and prayers which follow, according to the exigency of the time and the wish of the sick person.

Psalm 6, Domine, ne in furore, p. 215.

THE Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When the Priest says, The continuation, etc., *he makes the sign of the Cross in the usual manner upon his forehead, mouth, and breast, and also upon the sick man, if he cannot do thus for himself.*

(But if the sick person is a woman, and unable to make the Crosses upon herself, let them be made by some other woman. And likewise in all such instances.)

*Matthew viii., p. 681, beginning at *.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, the everlasting Health of them that believe: hear us for Thy sick *servant*, N., for whom we implore the aid of Thy pitying mercy, that, with *his* bodily health restored, *he* may give thanks to Thee in Thy church. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Psalm 15, Conserva me, Domine, p. 290.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*Mark xvi., p. 718, ending at *.*

Let us pray.

O GOD of the Heavenly Virtues, who from the bodies of men drivest forth all sickness and all infirmity by the power of Thy word: draw graciously nigh unto this Thy *servant*, N., that with weakness put to flight, and health and strength continually renewed, *he* may ever bless Thy Holy Name. *R.* Amen.

Psalm 19, Exaudiat te Dominus, p. 291.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Luke iv.

AT that time: Jesus rising up out of the synagogue, went into the house of Simon: and Simon's mother-in-law was taken with a great fever, and they besought Him for her. And standing over her, He commanded the fever, and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered to them. And after sunset, all they who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Him: and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, who by the inpouring of the dignity of Thy power strengthenest the weakness of man's estate, that our bodies and minds may be quickened by the saving remedies of Thy loving-kindness: graciously incline unto this Thy *servant*, that, every strait of bodily infirmity being done away, the grace of former health may in *him* be perfectly restored. *R.* Amen.

Psalm 85, Inclina, Domine, p. 307.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John v.

AT that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem a pool, Probatica, which in Hebrew is named Bethsaida, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of infirm, blind, lame, withered, waiting for the stirring of the water. For an angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pool, and the water was stirred; and he who went down first into the pond after the stirring of the water, was cured of whatever disease he had. And a certain man was there, who had an infirmity eight-and-thirty years. When Jesus saw him as he lay, and knew that he had been so a long time, He saith to him, Wilt thou be healed? The infirm man answered Him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is stirred, to put me into the pool; for whilst I am coming, another goeth down before me. Jesus saith to him, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk; and immediately the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. And on that day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who had been healed, It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for thee to take up thy bed. He answered them, He who healed me, He said to me, Take up thy bed and walk. They asked him therefore: Who is that man who said to thee, Take up thy bed and walk? But he who was healed knew not who it was; for Jesus had gone aside from the crowd standing in the place. Afterwards Jesus findeth him in the temple, and saith to him, Behold, thou art healed; sin no more, lest something worse befall thee.

Let us pray.

LOOK Thou down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon Thy *servant*, grievously stricken with bodily infirmity; and refresh the soul which Thou hast created, that, being bettered by Thy chastisements, *he* may without ceasing feel *him*self saved by Thy healing. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Psalm 90, Qui habitat, p. 71.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, look graciously down upon the sickness of this Thy *servant:* and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to help and defend *him*. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

At the end of this prayer the Priest places his right hand upon the head of the sick person, and says.

THEY shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover. May Jesus, the Son of Mary, the Lord and Redeemer of the world, through the merits and intercession of His holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all His Saints, be favorable and gracious unto thee. Amen.

He then says:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John i., p. 158.

He then blesses the sick person, adding:

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee and remain with thee always. *R.* Amen.

He then sprinkles the sick person with holy water.

If there are many sick in the same room, all the above prayers are said in the plural number. And all can be abbreviated at the will of the Priest.

The Last Blessing and Plenary Indulgence.

AS the hour of death approaches—that hour on which so much depends—the pious Christian should fervently prepare to receive the Last Blessing and Plenary Indulgence granted to those who are near their end. For our Lord Jesus Christ promised to St. Peter (Matt. xvi. 19) *the keys of the kingdom of heaven;* assuring him that *whatever he should bind on earth should be bound also in heaven, and whatever he should loose on earth should be loosed also in heaven.* By this power of binding and loosing, derived from St. Peter to his successors, and by them specially communicated to the pastors of souls, the latter are authorized to grant a Plenary Indulgence, together with a solemn Blessing, to all such as are in or near their last agony. But then the dying Christian should remember well that, in order to receive the benefit of this Plenary Indulgence and blessing, it is requisite that he concur on his part, by renouncing and detesting all his sins, both known and unknown, mortal and venial; by accepting with patience and resignation whatever he may have yet to suffer, and offering up his pains and death, in union with the sufferings and death of his Redeemer, in satisfaction for his sins.

To this end the Church directs the Priest who ministers to the sick person to put him in mind frequently to invoke the name of Jesus, and to exhort him:

1. That he firmly believe all the articles of the Faith, and whatever the holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church believes and teaches.

2. That he confidently hope that our Lord Jesus Christ, in

His boundless compassion, will have mercy on him · and that, by the merits of His most holy Passion, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, he will obtain everlasting life.

3. That he love the Lord God with all his heart, and that he desire to love Him more and more perfectly, with that love wherewith all the Saints and Blessed in heaven love Him.

4. That, for the love of God, he grieve from the heart for all offences whatsoever that he has committed against God and his neighbor.

5. That, for the love of God, he forgive from the heart his enemies, and all that have in any way injured him and done him wrong.

6. That he beg forgiveness of those whom he has at any time offended in word or deed.

7. That he patiently endure all the pains and discomfort of sickness, for God's sake, in penance for his sins.

8. That if God shall vouchsafe to restore him to his bodily health, he resolve henceforth, to the best of his power, to guard against sin, and to keep His commandments.

9. That, as far as he is able, he should say such prayers as these:

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.—In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: let me never be confounded.—Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.—Come unto my help, O God: O Lord, make haste to help me.—O Lord, be Thou unto me a God, a Protector.—O God, be merciful to me a sinner.—O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of Thy most holy Passion, receive me into the number of Thine Elect.—O Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit. —O Mary, mother of grace, mother of mercy, do thou protect me from the enemy, and receive me at the hour of death.—O holy Angel of God, assist me as my Guardian.—O all ye holy Angels, and all ye Saints, intercede for me, and hasten to my aid.

THE FORM OF BESTOWING THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND THE PLENARY INDULGENCE AT THE HOUR OF DEATH.

The Priest having faculties to bestow this Apostolic Blessing *enters the house, and says:*

PAX huic domui.	PEACE be unto this house.
R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.	*R.* And unto all who dwell therein.

After which he sprinkles the sick person, the room, and the bystanders, with holy water in the form of a cross, saying the Asperges *as on p. 112. He then hears the Confession of the sick person; or if that be not necessary, bids him at least make an act of Contrition, and, if time allows, briefly instructs him concerning the efficacy and power of this Blessing. The Priest then exhorts him to bear his sufferings patiently as an expiation for the sins of the past, to offer himself wholly to God, prepared to cheerfully accept whatever may be His holy will; and to be ready to undergo death itself as a payment of the penalty due to his sins. Then, with consoling words, the Priest bids him have great confidence in God, and to be assured that he will attain, through the riches of His exceeding bounty, a remission of temporal punishment, and the reward of everlasting life. The priest then says:*

ADJUTORIUM nostrum in nomine Domini.	OUR help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.
Ant. Ne reminiscaris, Domine, delicta famul*i tui* neque vindictam sumas de peccatis ejus.	*Ant.* Remember not, O Lord, the offences of Thy *servant*, neither take Thou revenge of *his* sins.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V*. And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R*. But deliver us from evil.
V. Salvum fac serv*um* tu*um*.	*V*. Save Thy *servant*.
R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.	*R*. O my God, who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V*. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R*. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V*. The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R*. And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
CLEMENTISSIME Deus, Pater misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui neminem vis perire in te credentem atque sperantem, secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum respice propitius famul*um* tu*um* N., *quem* tibi vera fides et spes Christiana	O MOST gracious God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who wouldest not that any should perish who believeth and trusteth in Thee; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, look favorably upon Thy *servant* N., whom the true Faith and Hope of Christ

commendant. Visita *eum* in salutari tuo, et per Unigeniti tui passionem et mortem, omnium ei delictorum suorum remissionem et veniam clementer indulge: ut ejus anima in hora exitus sui te judicem propitiatum inveniat, et in sanguine ejusdem Filii tui ab omni macula abluta, transire ad vitam mereatur perpetuam. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

do commend unto Thee. Visit *him* in Thy saving power; and through the Passion and Death of Thine Only-begotten, graciously grant unto *him* pardon and remission of all *his* sins; that *his* soul at the hour of its departure may find Thee a most merciful Judge; and, cleansed from every stain in the Blood of the same, Thy Son, may be found worthy to pass to life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then the Confiteor *being repeated by an attendant clergyman, or by the Priest himself, the Priest says the* Misereatur, *etc., and then proceeds thus:*

DOMINUS noster Jesus Christus Filius Dei vivi, qui beato Petro Apostolo suo dedit potestatem ligandi atque solvendi; per suam piissimam misericordiam recipiat confessionem tuam, et restituat tibi stolam primam, quam in baptismate recepisti; et ego, facultate mihi ab Apostolica Sede

MAY our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who gave to His blessed Apostle Peter the power of binding and loosing; of His most tender mercy receive thy confession, and restore unto thee that first robe which thou didst receive in Baptism; and I, by the power committed to me by the tributa, indulgentiam plenariam et remissionem omnium peccatorum tibi concedo: In nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. *Amen.*

Apostolic See, grant thee a Plenary Indulgence and remission of all thy sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

PER sacrosancta humanæ reparationis mysteria, remittat tibi omnipotens Deus omnes præsentis et futuræ vitæ pœnas, paradisi portas aperiat, et ad gaudia sempiterna perducat.
Amen.

THROUGH the most sacred mysteries of man's redemption may God Almighty remit unto thee the pains of the present and the future life, open to thee the gates of Paradise, and bring thee to everlasting joys. *Amen.*

BENEDICAT te omnipotens Deus; Pater, ✠ et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus. *Amen.*

MAY God Almighty bless thee; the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

EJACULATIONS TO JESUS SUFFERING.

FOR THE SICK AND DYING.

GOOD Jesus! Physician of souls and bodies; make my sickness a healing medicine to my soul; soothe by Thy presence each ache and pain; hallow my suffering by Thine all-holy Suffering; teach me to unite my sufferings with Thine, to be hallowed by Thine.

Lord, offer all my sufferings to Thy Father, as Thou didst offer all Thine Agonies to Him.

O Good Jesus, crucified for us; nail my will to Thy Cross, for love of Thee.

Good Jesus, give me a deep love for Thee, that nothing may be too hard for me to bear from Thee.

Good Jesus, Who hast borne the Cross for me, what cross willest Thou that I should bear for Thee?

Thou knowest, Lord, that I am all weakness; teach me to bear my cross. Bear it for me, bear it in me.

Lord, strengthen me to bear my cross patiently, humbly, lovingly. If I sink under it, look on me and raise me up. Give what Thou commandest, and command what Thou willest. Only by Thine all-holy Cross and Passion, sanctify my cross to me, and keep me Thine for ever.

Good Jesus, nailed motionless by Thy sacred Hands and Feet for love of me; keep me still, motionless, unmoved, unshaken, cleaving fast to Thee.

O Good Jesus, my God, and my All, keep me ever near Thee, let nothing for a moment separate me from Thee.

Good Jesus, to Thee I flee; hide me in Thy sacred Side.

O Good Jesus, who keepest Thine own under the shadow of Thy wings; teach me to flee to Thee, and hide me from all evil.

O Good Jesus, shelter me from the evil one, shed Thy dew upon me to calm my soul, and dwell in me fully, that I may wholly love Thee.

Good Jesus, Strength of the weary, Rest of the Restless; by the weariness and unrest of Thy sacred Cross, come to me who am weary that I may rest in Thee.

Lord, if Thou increase my pain, increase also my patience. Thou knowest my weakness.

Good Jesus, Who hast borne so patiently with me; make me wholly patient for love of Thee.

O Good Jesus, obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross for me; Good Jesus, mocked and blasphemed for love of us; make me truly humble for love of Thee.

O Blessed Jesus, into Thy hands I commend my soul and my body, to live or to die as seemeth good to Thee, and to Thine infinite mercy; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth!

Good Lord, teach me to judge myself as Thou judgest. Make me more ashamed of sin than of all besides: yet not so ashamed as not quickly to come to Thee, O All-merciful, All-loving Lord.

Good Jesus! by Thy Loneliness in the Garden, by the Desolation Thou didst will to come over Thee, sanctify mine.

Good Jesus, Who alone orderest all things well, I cast myself wholly upon Thine infinite undeserved love; I trust Thee with my all; myself, and all whom I love, and all which I desire, my present and my future, my hopes and my fears, my time and my eternity, my joys and my sorrows. Deal with me as Thou willest, and knowest best; only bind me safe to Thine everlasting love.

Good Jesus! who didst give Thyself for me, give Thyself to me; make me wholly Thine, that I may deeply love Thee.

Good Jesus! stripped naked, racked, reviled, forsaken, motionless on the Cross for love of me; help me to bear all pain meekly, in humble love of Thee. Strip me, empty me of myself, to fill me with love of Thee.

Good Jesus, lead me that I may follow Thee; hold me that I may cling fast to Thee; teach me, that I may choose Thee alone; keep me, that I may be Thine for ever.

Jesus, most tender, Thou hast been very tender to me; make me very tender to all and of all who are Thine, for the love of Thy most tender love.

O Good Jesus, who hast so loved us; pour Thy love into my soul, that I may love Thee intensely, and all besides in and for Thee. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL Father! I am Thy most unworthy servant, whom Thou hast so loved that Thou gavest Thy dearly-beloved Son to die for me. Deal mercifully with Thy servant in this hour, lest that precious Blood be shed for me in vain. For what profit is there to me in my Saviour's Blood, if I go down to corruption?

O Jesus Christ, I am like that lost sheep whom Thou didst seek so diligently, and set it on Thy shoulders to bring it home again. Thou art the Good Shepherd, who didst lay down Thy life for Thy sheep. Oh! seek Thy servant, for I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost. Let not that roaring lion, that goeth about seeking whom he may devour, snatch me and tear me from Thee; save me upon the Cross, take me into Thy loved embrace and draw my soul to Thee; receive me, Good Jesus, of Thy mercy; receive my soul in peace.

Enlighten mine eyes, O Good Jesus, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, set Thy Passion, Cross, and Death, between Thy judgment and my soul.

O Good Jesus, remember not my old sins, but have mercy upon me and that soon, for I am come to great misery.

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, for the honor and virtue of Thy blessed Passion, bid me be written among the number of Thine Elect.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, most compassionate Jesus, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto Thy name: lo, the just wait for me till Thou recompense me.

Oh! establish me according to Thy word, that I may live, and let me not be disappointed of my hope. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL IN THEIR AGONY. [i)]

O MOST merciful Jesus, Lover of souls; I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thine own Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and who are to die this day. *Amen.*

Heart of Jesus, once in agony, pity the dying.

RECOMMENDATION OF A DEPARTING SOUL.

The Priest, vested in surplice and violet stole, enters the room of the dying person, saying :

PAX huic domui.	PEACE be unto this house.
R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.	*R.* And unto all who dwell therein.

He then sprinkles the dying person the chamber, and the bystanders, with holy water in the form of a cross, saying the Asperges *as at p. 112. He next presents a* crucifix *to the dying person to be kissed, and exhorts him to look forward to everlasting life ; leaving the crucifix before him that, beholding it, he may be encouraged to hope for eternal salvation. Then, having lighted a candle, the Priest kneels, and with the bystanders devoutly recites the* Shorter Litany, *as follows :*

THE LITANY FOR THE DYING.

KYRIE eleison.		LORD, have mercy.	
Christe eleison.		*Christ, have mercy.*	
Kyrie eleison.		Lord, have mercy.	
Sancta Maria, *Ora pro* eo.		Holy Mary, *Pray for* him.	
Omnes sancti Angeli et Archangeli, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Angels and Archangels,	*Pray for him.*
Sancte Abel,	*Ora pro eo.*	Holy Abel,	
Omnis chorus Justorum,		All ye Choirs of the Just,	
Sancte Abraham,		Holy Abraham,	
Sancte Joannes Baptista,		St. John the Baptist,	
Sancte Joseph,		St. Joseph,	
Omnes sancti Patriarchæ et Prophetæ, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,	

Sancte Petre,	*Ora, etc.*	St. Peter,	*Pray for him.*
Sancte Paule,		St. Paul,	
Sancte Andrea,		St. Andrew,	
Sancte Joannes,		St. John,	
Omnes sancti Apostoli et Evangelistæ, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,	
Omnes sancti Discipuli Domini, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,	
Omnes sancti Innocentes, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Innocents,	
Sancte Stephane, *Ora*, etc.		St. Stephen,	
Sancte Laurenti, *Ora*, etc.		St. Lawrence,	
Omnes sancti Martyres, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Martyrs,	
Sancte Silvester, *Ora*, etc.		St. Sylvester,	
Sancte Gregori, *Ora*, etc.		St. Gregory,	
Sancte Augustine, *Ora*, etc.		St. Augustin,	
Omnes sancti Pontifices et Confessores, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,	
Sancte Benedicte, *Ora*, etc.		St. Benedict,	
Sancte Francisce, *Ora*, etc.		St. Francis,	
Sancte Camille, *Ora*, etc.		St. Camillus,	
Sancte Joannes de Deo, *Ora*, etc.		St. John of God,	
Omnes sancti Monachi et Eremitæ, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Monks and Hermits,	
Sancta Maria Magdalena, *Ora*, etc.		St. Mary Magdalen,	
Sancta Lucia, *Ora*, etc.		St. Lucy,	
Omnes sanctæ Virgines et Viduæ, *Orate*, etc.		All ye holy Virgins and Widows, *Pray*, etc.	
Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ Dei.		All ye holy Saints of God,	

Intercedite pro eo.		*Make intercession for* him.	
Propitius esto.		Be merciful,	
Parce ei, Domine.		*Spare* him, *O Lord.*	
Propitius esto.		Be merciful,	
Libera eum, *Domine.*		*O Lord, deliver* him.	
Propitius esto.		Be merciful,	
Libera eum, *Domine.*		*O Lord, deliver* him.	
Ab ira tua,	*Libera eum, Domine.*	From Thy wrath,	*O Lord, deliver him.*
A periculo mortis,		From the peril of death,	
A mala morte,		From an evil death,	
A pœnis inferni,		From the pains of hell,	
Ab omni malo,		From all evil,	
A potestate diaboli,		From the power of the devil,	
Per Nativitatem tuam,		Through Thy Birth,	
Per Crucem et Passionem tuam,		Through Thy Cross and Passion,	
Per Mortem et Sepulturam tuam,		Through Thy Death and Burial,	
Per gloriosam Resurrectionem tuam,		Through Thy glorious Resurrection,	
Per admirabilem Ascensionem tuam,		Through Thine admirable Ascension,	
Per gratiam Spiritus Sancti Paracliti,		Through the grace of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete,	
In die judicii,		In the day of judgment,	
Peccatores,		We sinners,	
Te rogamus audi nos.		*Beseech Thee, hear us.*	

Ut ei parcas,
Te rogamus audi nos.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

That Thou spare *him*,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Then while the soul is in the agony of its departure, the Priest recites the following prayers :

PROFICISCERE, anima christiana, de hoc mundo, in nomine Dei Patris omnipotentis, qui te creavit; in nomine Jesu Christi, Filii Dei vivi, qui pro te passus est; in nomine Spiritus Sancti, qui in te effusus est; in nomine Angelorum et Archangelorum; in nomine Thronorum et Dominationum; in nomine Principatuum et Potestatum; in nomine Cherubim et Seraphim; in nomine Patriarcharum et Prophetarum; in nomine sanctorum Apostolorum et Evangelistarum; in nomine sanctorum Martyrum et Confessorum; in nomine sanctorum Monachorum et Eremitarum; in nomine sanctarum Virginum et

GO forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, who was poured forth upon thee; in the name of the Angels and Archangels; in the name of the Thrones and Dominations; in the name of the Principalities and Powers; in the name of the Cherubim and Seraphim; in the name of the Patriarchs and Prophets; in the name of the holy Apostles and Evangelists; in the name of the holy Martyrs and Confessors; in the name of the holy Monks and Hermits; in omnium Sanctorum et Sanctarum Dei: hodie sit in pace locus tuus, et habitatio tua in sancta Sion. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

DEUS misericors, Deus clemens, Deus qui secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum peccata pœnitentium deles, et præteritorum criminum culpas venia remissionis evacuas; respice propitius super *hunc* famul*um tuum* N., et remissionem omnium peccatorum suorum tota cordis confessione poscentem deprecatus exaudi. Renova in *eo*, piisime Pater, quidquid terrena fragilitate corruptum, vel quidquid diabolica fraude violatum est; et unitati corporis Ecclesiæ membrum redemptionis annecte. Miserere, Domine, gemituum, miserere lacrymarum ejus; et non habentem fiduciam, nisi in

the name of the holy Virgins and of all the Saints of God: may thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, O gracious God, O God, who, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blottest out the sins of the penitent, and graciously remittest the guilt of past offences; look favorably upon this Thy *servant* N., and in Thy mercy hear *him* as *he* craves, with heartfelt confession, the remission of all *his* sins. Renew within *him*, O most loving Father, whatsoever hath been corrupted through human frailty, or violated through the deceit of the devil; and associate *him* as a member redeemed to the unity of the body of Thy Church. Have pity, Lord, on *his* groanings;

tua misericordia, ad tuæ sacramentum reconciliationis admitte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

COMMENDO te omnipotenti Deo, charissime *frater*, et ei, cujus es creatura, committo; ut cum humanitatis debitum morte interveniente persolveris, ad Auctorem tuum, qui te de limo terræ formaverat, revertaris. Egredienti itaque animæ tuæ de corpore, splendidus Angelorum cœtus occurrat: judex Apostolorum tibi senatus adveniat; candidatorum tibi Martyrum triumphator exercitus obviet; liliata rutilantium te Confessorum turma circumdet; jubilantium te Virginum chorus excipiat; et beatæ quietis in sinu Patriarcharum te complexus astringat; mitis atque festivus Christi Jesu tibi aspectus appareat, qui te inter assistentes sibi ju-

have pity on *his* tears; and admit *him*, who hath no hope save in Thy mercy, to the sacrament of Thy reconciliation. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

I COMMEND thee to Almighty God, dearly beloved *brother*, and commit thee to Him whose creature thou art; that, when thou shalt have paid the debt of humanity by passing through death, thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee from the dust of the earth. When, therefore, thy soul goeth forth from thy body, may the glorious company of Angels meet thee; may the council of the Apostles who shall judge the world greet thee; may the triumphant army of white-robed Martyrs come out to welcome thee; may the band of shining Confessors, crowned with lilies, encircle thee; may the choir of joyous Virgins

giter interesse decernat. Ignores omne quod horret in tenebris, quod stridet in flammis, quod cruciat in tormentis. Cedat tibi teterrimus Satanas cum satellitibus suis: in adventu tuo te comitantibus Angelis contremiscat, atque in æternæ noctis chaos immane diffugiat. Exurgat Deus, et dissipentur inimici ejus; et fugiant qui oderunt eum, a facie ejus. Sicut deficit fumus, deficiant; sicut fluit cera a facie ignis, sic pereant peccatores a facie Dei; et justi epulentur, et exultent in conspectu Dei. Confundantur igitur et erubescant omnes tartareæ legiones, et ministri Satanæ iter tuum impedire non audeant. Liberet te a cruciatu Christus, qui pro te crucifixus est. Liberet te ab æterna morte Christus, qui pro te mori dignatus est. Constituat te Christus, Filius Dei vivi, intra paradisi sui semper amœna virentia, et inter oves suas te verus ille Pas-

receive thee; and unto the bosom of blessed rest may the embrace of the Patriarchs clasp thee; gentle and joyful may the Face of Jesus Christ appear to thee, and may He award thee a place among those who stand before Him for ever. Mayest thou never know aught of the terror of darkness, the gnashing of teeth in the flames, the agonies of torment. May Satan most foul, with his wicked crew, give way before thee; may he tremble at thy coming with the Angels that attend thee, and flee away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Him flee from before His face. As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish away; as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God; and let the just feast and rejoice before God. May, then, all the legions of hell be con-

tor agnoscat. Ille ab omnibus peccatis tuis te absolvat; atque ad dexteram suam in electorum suorum te sorte constituat. Redemptorem tuum facie ad faciem videas, et præsens semper assistens, manifestissimam beatis oculis aspicias veritatem. Constitutus igitur inter agmina beatorum, contemplationis divinæ dulcedine potiaris in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

founded and put to shame, nor may the ministers of Satan dare to hinder thy way. May Christ, who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torment. May Christ, who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from everlasting death. May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the green pastures of His paradise, and may He, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee as one of His sheep. May He absolve thee from all thy sins, and set thee at His right hand in the portion of His elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face; and, standing ever before Him, gaze with blessed eyes on the Truth made manifest. And set thus among the choirs of the Blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation for ever more. *R.* Amen.

SUSCIPE, Domine, *servum* tu*um* in locum sperandæ sibi salvationis a misericordia tua.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui* ex omnibus periculis inferni, et de

RECEIVE, O Lord, Thy *servant* into the place of salvation, which *he* hopes for from Thy mercy.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant* from all the dangers of hell,

laqueis pœnarum, et ex omnibus tribulationibus.	and from the bonds of its punishments, and from all tribulations.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Henoch et Eliam de communi morte mundi.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Henoch and Elias from the common death of the world.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Noe de diluvio.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Noah from the flood.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Abraham de Ur Chaldæorum.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Abraham from Ur of the Chaldeans.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Job de passionibus suis.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Job from his sufferings.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Isaac de hostia, et de manu patris sui Abrahæ.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Isaac from being sacrificed by the hand of his father Abraham.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Loth de Sodomis et de flamma ignis.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Lot from Sodom and from the flame of fire.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Moysen de manu Pharaonis regis Ægyptiorum.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of the Egyptians.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Danielem de lacu leonum.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Daniel from the lions' den.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti tres pueros de camino ignis ardentis, et de manu regis iniqui.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver the Three Children from the burning fiery furnace, and from the hand of a wicked king.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Susannam de falso crimine.	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Susanna from a false accusation.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liber-	Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as

asti David de manu regis Saul et de manu Goliæ.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam *servi tui*, sicut liberasti Petrum et Paulum de carceribus.

R. Amen.

Et sicut beatissimam Theclam Virginem et Martyrem tuam de tribus atrocissimis tormentis liberasti, sic liberare digneris animam hujus *servi tui*, et tecum facias in bonis congaudere cœlestibus.

R. Amen.

COMMENDAMUS tibi, Domine, animam *famuli tui*, N., precamurque te, Domine Jesu Christe Salvator mundi, ut propter quam ad terram misericorditer descendisti, Patriarcharum tuorum sinibus insinuare non renuas. Agnosce, Domine, creaturam tuam, non a diis alienis creatam, sed a te solo Deo

Thou didst deliver David from the hand of King Saul and from the hand of Goliath.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, as Thou didst deliver Peter and Paul out of prison.

R. Amen.

And as Thou didst deliver Thy most blessed Virgin and Martyr, Thecla, from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this Thy *servant*, and make it to rejoice with Thee in the bliss of heaven.

R. Amen.

WE commend unto Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant*, N., and we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, that Thou wouldst not refuse to place in the bosom of Thy Patriarchs a soul for whose sake Thou didst mercifully come down upon earth. Acknowledge, O

vivo et vero: quia non est alius Deus præter te, et non est secundum opera tua. Lætifica, Domine, animam ejus in conspectu tuo, et ne memineris iniquitatum ejus antiquarum et ebrietatum, quas suscitavit furor, sive fervor mali desiderii. Licet enim peccaverit, tamen Patrem, et Filium, et Spiritum Sanctum non negavit, sed credidit, et zelum Dei in se habuit, et Deum, qui fecit omnia, fideliter adoravit.

Lord, Thy creature, made, not by strange gods, but by Thee, the only living and true God: for there is no other God beside Thee, and none that doeth according to Thy works. Make glad *his* soul, O Lord, with Thy presence, and remember not *his* old sins, and the excesses which wrath or heat of evil desire may have aroused. For though *he* has sinned, *he* has not denied the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; but has believed, and has had a zeal for God, and has faithfully worshipped God, the Creator of all things.

DELICTA juventutis, et ignorantias ejus, quæsumus, ne memineris, Domine; sed secundum magnam misericordiam tuam memor esto illius in gloria claritatis tuæ. Aperiantur ei cœli, collætentur illi Angeli. In regnum tuum, Domine, *servum tuum* suscipe. Suscipiat *eum* sanctus Michael, Archan-

REMEMBER not, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sins of *his* youth nor *his* ignorances; but, according to Thy great mercy, be mindful of *him* in the brightness of Thy glory. May the heavens be opened unto *him*, may the Angels rejoice with *him*. Into Thy kingdom, O Lord, receive Thy *ser-*

gelus Dei, qui militiæ cœlestis meruit principatum. Veniant illi obviam sancti Angeli Dei, et perducant *eum* in civitatem cœlestem Jerusalem. Suscipiat *eum* beatus Petrus Apostolus, cui a Deo claves regni cœlestis traditæ sunt. Adjuvet *eum* sanctus Paulus Apostolus, qui dignus fuit esse vas electionis. Intercedit pro *eo* sanctus Joannes electus Dei Apostolus, cui revelata sunt secreta cœlestia. Orent pro *eo* omnes sancti Apostoli, quibus a Domino data est potestas ligandi atque solvendi. Intercedant pro *eo* omnes Sancti et Electi Dei, qui pro Christi nomine tormenta in hoc sæculo sustinuerunt: ut vinculis carnis exut*us*, pervenire mereatur ad gloriam regni cœlestis, præstante Domino nostro Jesu Christo, qui, cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto, vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

vant. May Saint Michael, Archangel of God, prince of the heavenly host, receive *him*. May the holy Angels of God come forth to meet *him*, and lead *him* into the heavenly city, Jerusalem. May blessed Peter the Apostle, to whom were given by God the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive *him*. May St. Paul the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a vessel of election, assist *him*. May St. John, the chosen Apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for *him*. May all the holy Apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for *him*. May all the Saints and Elect of God, who, in this world, suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for *him*: that, being loosed from the bonds of the flesh, *he* may come to the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who,

with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, world without end.

R. Amen.

Here, if the soul still linger, may be read the seventeenth chapter of St. John's Gospel, and the Passion of our Lord, *according to St. John.*

A PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

TO BE SAID BY THE DYING PERSON, OR BY ANOTHER FOR HIM.(i)

V. Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi.	*V.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.	*R.* Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.
DEUS, qui pro redemptione mundi voluisti nasci, circumcidi, a Judæis reprobari, a Juda traditore osculo tradi, vinculis alligari, sicut agnus innocens ad victimam duci, atque conspectibus Annæ, Caiphæ, Pilati, et Herodis indecenter offerri, a falsis testibus accusari, flagellis et opprobriis vexari, sputis conspui, spinis coronari, colaphis cædi, arundine percuti, facie velari, vestibus exui, cruci clavis affigi,	O GOD, who for the redemption of the world didst vouchsafe to be born, to be circumcised, to be rejected by the Jews, to be betrayed with a kiss by the traitor Judas, to be bound with cords, to be led as an innocent lamb to the slaughter, and in the sight of Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod, to be treated with indignity, to be accused by false witnesses, to be afflicted with scourges and reproaches, to be spit

in cruce levari, inter latrones deputari, felle et aceto potari, et lancea vulnerari: Tu, Domine, per has sanctissimas pœnas tuas, quas ego indignus recolo, et per sanctam crucem et mortem tuam, libera me (*vel* famul*um* tu*um*, N.) a pœnis inferni, et perducere digneris, quo perduxisti latronem tecum crucifixum. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

upon, to be crowned with thorns, to be beaten with blows, to be struck with a reed, to have Thy Face veiled, to be stripped of Thy garments, to be nailed to the Cross and raised high thereon, to be ranked among thieves, to be offered gall and vinegar to drink, and to be pierced with a lance: Do Thou, O Lord, by these Thy most holy pains, which I, though unworthy, now call to mind, and by Thy holy Cross and Death, deliver me (or this Thy *servant*, N.) from the pains of hell, and vouchsafe to lead me (or *him*) whither Thou didst lead the good Thief who was crucified with Thee. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

The following Psalms *may also be said:*

Psalm 117.

CONFITEMINI Domino quoniam bonus: * quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.

Dicat nunc Israel, quoniam bonus: * quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.

O PRAISE the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that He is good: that His mercy endureth for ever.

Dicat nunc domus Aaron : * quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.	Let the house of Aaron now say : that His mercy endureth for ever.
Dicant nunc qui timent Dominum : * quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.	Let them that fear the Lord now say : that His mercy endureth for ever.
De tribulatione invocavi Dominum : * et exaudivit me in latitudine Dominus.	In my trouble I called upon the Lord : and the Lord heard me, and set me at large.
Dominus mihi adjutor : * non timebo quid faciat mihi homo.	The Lord is my helper : I will not fear what man can do unto me.
Dominus mihi adjutor : * et ego despiciam inimicos meos.	The Lord is my helper : and I will look down upon mine enemies.
Bonum est confidere in Domino, * quam confidere in homine.	It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put confidence in man.
Bonum est sperare in Domino, quam sperare in principibus.	It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put confidence in princes.
Omnes gentes circuierunt me : * et in nomine Domini, quia ultus sum in eos.	All nations compassed me round about : and in the name of the Lord have I been revenged upon them.
Circumdantes circumdederunt me : * et in nomine Domini, quia ultus sum in eos.	Surrounding me, they compassed me about : and in the name of the Lord have I been revenged upon them.
Circumdederunt me si-	They gathered about me

cut apes, et exarserunt sicut ignis in spinis : * et in nomine Domini, quia ultus sum in eos.	like bees, and burned like fire among thorns: and in the name of the Lord I have been revenged upon them.
Impulsus eversus sum ut caderem : * et Dominus suscepit me.	I was sore pressed, and overthrown that I might fall ; but the Lord held me up.
Fortitudo mea, et laus mea Dominus : * et factus est mihi in salutem.	The Lord is my strength and my praise : and He is become my salvation.
Vox exultationis, et salutis : * in tabernaculis justorum.	The voice of joy and salvation : is in the tabernacles of the just.
Dextera Domini fecit virtutem : dextera Domini exaltavit me, * dextera Domini fecit virtutem.	The right hand of the Lord hath done mightily ; the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me : the right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength.
Non moriar, sed vivam ; * et narrabo opera Domini.	I shall not die, but live : and shall declare the works of the Lord.
Castigans castigavit me Dominus : * et morti non tradidit me.	The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but He hath not given me over unto death.
Aperite mihi portas justitiæ, ingressus in eas confitebor Domino : * hæc porta Domini, justi intrabunt in eam.	Open unto me the gates of justice ; I will go into them, and give praise unto the Lord : this is the gate of the Lord : the just shall enter into it.

Confitebor tibi quoniam exaudisti me: * et factus es mihi in salutem.	I will praise Thee, for Thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.
Lapidem, quem reprobaverunt ædificantes: * hic factus est in caput anguli.	The stone which the builders rejected: the same is become the head of the corner.
A Domino factum est istud: * et est mirabile in oculis nostris.	This is the Lord's doing: and it is wonderful in our eyes.
Hæc est dies, quam fecit Dominus: * exultemus, et lætemur in ea.	This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice in it.
O Domine, salvum me fac, O Domine, bene prosperare: * benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.	O Lord, save me; O Lord, give good success: Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Benediximus vobis de domo Domini: * Deus Dominus, et illuxit nobis.	We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord: The Lord is God, and He hath shone upon us.
Constituite diem solemnem in condensis, * usque ad cornu altaris.	Appoint a solemn day, with shady boughs: even unto the horn of the altar.
Deus meus es tu, et confitebor tibi: * Deus meus es tu, et exaltabo te.	Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, and I will exalt Thee.
Confitebor tibi quoniam exaudisti me, * et factus es mihi in salutem.	I will praise Thee, for Thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus: * quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.	O praise ye the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.
Gloria Patri, etc.	Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm 118, p. 39.

THREE DEVOUT PRAYERS USEFUL FOR THE DYING.

To be recited with three Our Fathers, *and three* Hail Marys *in the agony of death. First is said:*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Thy most sacred Agony and by the prayer which Thou didst pour forth for us on the Mount of Olives, where Thy sweat became as drops of blood running down upon the earth, I beseech Thee to offer up the many drops of Thy bloody sweat, which in Thy fearful anguish Thou didst most abundantly shed for us, and graciously to present them to Thy Almighty Father, to be set against the many sins of this Thy *servant* N., and mercifully deliver *him* in this hour of *his* death from all the pains and sufferings which *he* fears *he* may justly have deserved for *his* sins. Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

A second time is said

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst vouchsafe to die upon the Cross for us, I beseech Thee to offer up to Thy Almighty Father all the bitter pains and sufferings which Thou didst endure for us upon the Cross, especially in that hour when Thy most holy Soul quitted Thy most sacred Body; and present them in behalf of this Thy *servant* N., and deliver *him* in this hour of death from all the pains and sufferings which *he* fears *he* may justly have deserved for *his* sins. Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

A third time is said.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by the mouth of Thy Prophet hast said: *With everlasting love I have loved thee: therefore have I drawn thee graciously:* I beseech Thee to offer up this same love which drew Thee down from Heaven to earth, there to endure all the bitterness of Thy Passion, and present it to Thy Almighty Father for the soul of this Thy *servant* N., and deliver *him* from all the pains and sufferings which *he* fears *he* has deserved for *his* sins. And save *his* soul in this hour of *his* departure. Open unto *him* the gates of life, and make *him* to rejoice with Thy saints in glory everlasting. And do Thou, O most merciful Lord Jesus Christ, who hast redeemed us by Thy most Precious Blood, have mercy on the soul of this Thy *servant*, and vouchsafe to introduce *him* into the ever green and pleasant places of Paradise, that *he* may live unto Thee in undivided love, and never be separated from Thee and Thine Elect. Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

THE LAST AGONY.

When the soul is about to depart from the body, then more than ever ought they who are by to pray earnestly around the dying person's bed; and if he be unable to speak, the Holy Name of JESUS *should constantly be invoked, and such words as the following again and again repeated in his ear:*

INTO Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.—O Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit.—Holy Mary, pray for me.—O Mary, mother of grace, mother of mercy, do thou protect me from the enemy, and receive me at the hour of death.

When the soul has departed the following Responsory *may be said:*

SUBVENITE Sancti Dei; occurrite Angeli Domini,* Suscipientes	COME to *his* assistance, ye Saints of God, come forth to meet

animam ejus, * Offerentes eam in conspectu Altissimi.	*him*, ye Angels of the Lord: Receiving *his* soul: Offering it in the sight of the Most High.
V. Suscipiat te Christus, qui vocavit te, et in sinum Abrahæ Angeli deducant te.	*V.* May Christ receive thee, who hath called thee, and may the Angels bear thee into Abraham's bosom.
R. Suscipientes, etc.	*R.* Receiving, etc.
V. Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.	*V.* Eternal rest grant unto *him*, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon *him*.
R. Offerentes, etc.	*R.* Offering, etc.
V. Kyrie eleison.	*V.* Lord, have mercy.
R. Christe eleison.	*R.* Christ, have mercy.
V. Kyrie eleison.	*V.* Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine.	*V.* Eternal rest grant unto *him*, O Lord.
R. Et lux perpetua luceat ei.	*R.* And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.
V. A porta inferi,	*V.* From the gate of hell,
R. Erue, Domine, animam ejus.	*R.* Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.
V. Requiescat in pace.	*V.* May *he* rest in peace.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

TIBI, Domine, commendamus animam famul*i tui*, N., ut defunct*us* sæculo tibi vivat, et quæ per fragilitatem humanæ conversationis peccata commisit, tu venia misericordissimæ pietatis absterge. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

TO Thee, O Lord, do we commend the soul of Thy *servant*, N., that being dead to the world *he* may live unto Thee; and whatsoever sins *he* has committed through the frailty of *his* mortal nature, do Thou, by the pardon of Thy most merciful love, wash away. *R.* Amen.

Meanwhile, according to the custom of the place, let the Passing-Bell *be rung, reminding all who hear it to pray for the Christian soul. Then let the body be decently laid out, with lighted candles near. Let a small cross be placed upon the breast, between the hands, or else let the hands themselves be folded one upon another, in the form of a cross. The body is sprinkled with holy water, and thenceforward until the time of burial, let all who are present pray for the repose of the departed soul.*

PRAYERS FOR THE USE OF MOURNERS.

O ALMIGHTY God, who knowest the weakness and frailty of our nature: We beseech Thee to give unto us, Thy servants, whom Thou hast stricken with this sorrow, such measure of Thy grace as shall enable us to bear it with humility, resignation, and submission to Thy divine will. Grant that no impatient murmuring or repining thoughts may find a place in our hearts: that we may not sorrow as those who have no hope. Let not our grief exceed the bounds of reason and religion; but so temper it, we beseech Thee, with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, that whatever we may want in outward consolation, we may find in the inward rest of perfect submission to Thy holy will, and unshaken trust in Thy loving mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who lovest those whom Thou chastiseth, and turnest away Thine anger from us, look down in pity upon our distress and sorrow, and grant that the affliction which it has pleased Thee to bring on us may be a means of drawing us nearer to Thee. Strengthen us, O Lord, that we may not languish in fruitless and unavailing sorrow, but by the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, may truly repent, meekly submit, and effectually be comforted; that we may obtain that peace which the world cannot give, and pass the rest of our life in humble resignation and cheerful obedience. Teach us to set our affections on things above, not on things of earth; on those joys which never fade, the pleasures that are at Thy right hand for evermore. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Judge of the living and the dead, so fit and prepare us, we beseech Thee, by Thy grace, for that last account which we must one day give ; that when the time of our appointed change shall come, we may look up to Thee with joy and comfort, and may at last be received together with *him* whom Thou hast now taken from us, and with all that are near and dear to us, into that place of rest and peace where Thou shalt Thyself wipe away all tears from all eyes, and where all our troubles and sorrows shall have an end, through the merits and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF FAITH. TAKEN FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE.

I BELIEVE, O God, that my time is in Thy hand. That going through the vale of misery, I may draw waters with joy out of the fountains of Salvation.

That they that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

That blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

That in all our affliction Christ is afflicted, and that the Angel of His presence saveth us.

That in the evening weeping may have place, but in the morning gladness.

That Christ will not leave us orphans.

That as one whom his mother caresseth, so will the Lord comfort us.

That our present tribulation, which is momentary and light, worketh for us above measure exceedingly an eternal weight of glory.

That as a Father hath pity upon his children, so hath the Lord pity upon us.

That a sabbath rest remaineth for the people of God.

That He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their bruises.

That His good Spirit shall lead us into the right land.

That the God of all consolation comforteth us in all our tribulation: that we ourselves also may be able to comfort those who are in all tribulation, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

That she who is a widow indeed and desolate, let her trust in God, and continue in supplications and prayers night and day.

That we have a great cloud of witnesses above us.

That in our Father's House there are many mansions.

That He hath there prepared a place for us.

That though we should walk in the midst of the shadow of death we fear no evils, for He is with us.

That God is our God unto eternity, and for ever and ever: He shall rule us for evermore.

That death is swallowed up in victory.

That we may not sorrow as others who have no hope.

That this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal put on immortality.

That as by a man came death, so by a Man came the Resurrection of the dead.

That Christ will reform our vile body conformably to His glorious Body.

That if our earthly house, this tent, be destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not built with hands, everlasting in the heavens.

That what is mortal shall be swallowed up by life.

That we shall be like Christ, because we shall see Him as He is.

That His Saints in Paradise shall not hunger nor thirst any more: for the Lamb that is in the midst of the Throne will rule them, and lead them to the fountains of the waters of life.

That God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes: and death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor wailing, nor sorrow shall be any more, for the former things are passed away.

That heaven and earth will pass away, but His words will not pass away.

That He cometh quickly, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

PRAYERS IN GREAT SORROW.

O MOST Mighty, most merciful Father, have mercy on me; have mercy on me, Good Lord. O do Thou bear me up, succor me, strengthen me in my hour of tribulation. Thou hast smitten me to the dust. Thou hast sorely afflicted me; my heart fainteth within me, I am brought very low. I know not, O Lord, how to bear such sorrow: I am overwhelmed with grief. I fly to Thee for help, for Thou alone canst give me help. Help me, O Father, help me, and that soon; help me for Thy mercies' sake. Make haste to help me for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, I fall down before Thee in the agony of my soul. Thou hast taken my beloved one from mine eyes, I have none to help me, my heart is desolate. O comfort me, for I am very greatly troubled. Teach me, O God, in this awful hour of affliction, in this great bereavement, in this most bitter day, to have patience and Christian resignation. Teach me to bow meekly to Thy will, that my affliction may not utterly break me down, that I may be able to bear it. Thou knowest my sufferings, my sorrows, my tears; look upon me and succor me. Enable me to bear this weight of trial, for of myself I am unable to bear it. O pity me, Good Lord; pity me, most Gracious Father: for Christ's sake turn Thou Thy face towards me, and mercifully accept my prayer. *Amen.*

O LORD God, who correctest those whom Thou dost love, teach me in this sore trial, this dark day of very heavy chastisement, to know Thy love. Lord, I believe that Thou lovest me; help Thou mine unbelief. Teach me to see Thy love, though Thou seemest to turn Thy Face from me. Increase Thy love towards me, O God, now that Thou hast smitten me, lest I be consumed; have pity upon me, speak consolation to my soul. Give me of Thy comfort, for what can I do, whither can I turn, O Lord? Thou only, Who hast afflicted, can comfort me; I have none beside Thee. I come to Thee in my loneliness, my desolation of heart, my anguish. Hold Thou me up; give me of Thy love; I kneel at Thy feet, I cast myself down before Thee; weeping do I beseech Thee to receive my prayer for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PITY.(1)

KNEELING at thy holy feet, O gracious Queen of Heaven! we offer thee our deepest reverence. We confess that thou art the daughter of the Eternal Father, the mother of the Divine Word, and the spouse of the Holy Ghost. Full of grace, of virtue, and of heavenly gifts, thou art the chaste temple of the Holy Trinity. With thee are treasured God's mercies, and thou, too, dost dispense them. And since thy loving heart is filled with charity, sweetness, and tender compassion for us poor sinners, we call thee Mother of holy Pity. With the greatest trust, then, do we come to thee in this our sorrow and distress. We beg that thou wouldst make us confide in thy love, by granting us [*Here mention your request*], if it be God's will, and for the welfare of our souls. Cast, then, thine eyes of pity upon us and upon all our kindred. That we may not perish, shield us from the attacks of the world, the flesh, and the devil, that continually assail us. Remember, O fondest of mothers, that we are thy children, purchased with the precious blood of thy Divine Son. Pray, without ceasing, that the Adorable Trinity may give us the grace ever to be victorious over the devil, the world, and our unhallowed passions; that grace by which the just grow in holiness, sinners are converted, and heresy destroyed; by which the unbeliever is enlightened, and the Jews brought to the true religion. Bestow upon us this boon, O most pure Virgin, through the infinite bounty of the Most High, through the merits of thy Son, by the care with which thou didst nourish Him, by the devotion with which thou didst serve Him, by the love with which thou didst cherish Him, by thy tears and anguish endured in His holy Passion. Obtain for us the great favor that the whole world may be made one people and one Church, which shall give thanks, praise, and glory to the most Holy Trinity, and to thee who art Its mediator.

May the power of the Father, the wisdom of the Son, and the virtue of the Holy Ghost, grant us this blessing. *Amen.*

Our Father. Hail Mary.

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The Burial of the Dead.

[The parts within brackets refer to solemn obsequies.]

The Priest, being vested in a surplice and black stole (or with a cope also), meets the corpse at the church door. Standing at its feet, he sprinkles it with holy water, and then says the Antiphon :

SI iniquitates observaveris, Domine ; Domine, quis sustinebit ?

IF Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities ; Lord, who shall abide it ?

PSALM 129. *De Profundis* (*p. 253*).

After each Psalm is said :

Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine ; et lux perpetua luceat ei.

Eternal rest grant unto *him*, O Lord ; and let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

Ant. Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine ; Domine, quis sustinebit ?

Ant. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities ; Lord, who shall abide it ?

The body is then borne into the Church, and meanwhile the Priest recites the following:

EXULTABUNT Domino ossa humiliata.	THE bones that were humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

PSALM 50. *Miserere* (*p. 249*).

Ant. Exultabunt Domino ossa humiliata.	*Ant.* The bones that were humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

Then is said the Subvenite, *as on p.* [illegible]

The Bier is then placed at the head of the nave of the Church, with the feet *of the corpse (if a lay person) towards the Altar, but with the* head *turned thereto if a Priest. Lighted candles are placed about the Bier, and forthwith (when it is to be said) is begun the* MASS FOR THE DEAD, *p. 571.**

At Solemn Funerals, the Choir chants before the Mass

THE OFFICE OF THE DEAD.(i)

MATINS.

THE INVITATORY.

THE King, unto whom all live: O come, let us worship Him.

R. The King, unto whom all live: O come, let us worship Him.

* NOTE.—When neither Office nor Mass is said, pass on to p. 551.

PSALM 94.

O COME, let us exult in the Lord; let us rejoice before God our Saviour; let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and rejoice before Him with psalms.

The King, unto whom all live: O come, let us worship Him.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods; for the Lord doth not repel His people, for in His hand are all the ends of the earth; and the heights of the mountains He beholdeth also.

O come, let us worship Him.

For the sea is His, and He made it, and His hands formed the dry land; O come, let us worship and fall down; and weep before the Lord that made us, for He is the Lord our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

The King, unto whom all live: O come, let us worship Him.

To-day, if ye shall hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, and in the day of temptation in the wilderness; where your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works.

O come, let us worship Him.

Forty years long was I offended with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart, and they have not known My ways: so I sware in My wrath that they shall not enter into My rest.

The King, unto whom all live: O come, let us worship Him.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

O come, let us worship Him.

The King, unto whom all live : O come, let us worship Him.

THE FIRST NOCTURN.*

Antiphon. Direct, O Lord my God, my way in Thy sight.

PSALM 5.

GIVE ear, O Lord, unto my words : understand my cry.

Hearken unto the voice of my prayer : O my King and my God.

For unto Thee will I pray, O Lord : in the morning Thou shalt hear my voice.

In the morning I will stand before Thee, and will see : for Thou art not a God that willest iniquity.

Neither shall the wicked dwell near Thee : nor shall the unjust abide before Thine eyes.

Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity : Thou wilt destroy all that speak a lie.

The bloody and the deceitful man : the Lord will abhor.

But as for me I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy : in Thy fear will I worship towards Thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy justice : because of mine enemies direct my way in Thy sight.

For there is no truth in their mouth : their heart is vain.

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* NOTE — When only one Nocturn of Matins is said, this *First Nocturn* is usually taken

Their throat is an open sepulchre, they dealt deceitfully with their tongues: judge them, O God.

Let them fall from their devices; according to the multitude of their iniquities cast them out: for they have provoked Thee, O Lord.

But let all them that hope in Thee be glad: they shall rejoice for ever, and Thou shalt dwell in them.

And all they that love Thy name shall glory in Thee: for Thou wilt bless the just.

O Lord, Thou hast crowned us: as with a shield of Thy good will.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Direct, O Lord my God, my way in Thy sight.

Ant. Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; for in death there is no one that is mindful of Thee.

PSALM 6, *p. 245.*

Ant. Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; for in death there is no one that is mindful of Thee.

Ant. Lest at any time he seize upon my soul like a lion; while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.

PSALM 7.

O LORD my God, in Thee have I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

Lest at any time he seize upon my soul like a lion: while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.

O Lord my God, if I have done this thing: if there be iniquity in my hands:

If I have made a return to them that did evils to me: let me deservedly fall empty before mine enemies.

Let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it, and tread down my life on the earth: and bring down my glory to the dust.

Rise up, O Lord, in Thine anger: and be Thou exalted in the borders of mine enemies.

And arise, O Lord my God, in the precept which Thou hast commanded: and a congregation of people shall surround Thee.

And for their sakes return Thou on high: the Lord judgeth the people.

Judge me, O Lord, according to my justice: and according to my innocence in me.

The wickedness of sinners shall be brought to naught, and Thou shalt direct the just: O God who searchest the hearts and reins.

Just is my help from the Lord: who saveth the upright of heart.

God is a just judge, strong and patient: is He angry every day?

Except ye be converted, He will brandish His sword: He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

And in it He hath prepared the instruments of death: He hath made ready His arrows for them that burn.

Behold, he hath been in travail with injustice: he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth iniquity.

He hath opened a pit and dug it: and he is fallen into the hole that he hath made.

His sorrow shall be turned on his own head: and his wickedness shall come down upon his own pate.

I will give glory to the Lord according to His justice: and will sing to the name of the Lord Most High.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Lest at any time he seize upon my soul like a lion; while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.

V. From the gate of hell.

R. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

THE FIRST LESSON. *Job 7.*

SPARE me, O Lord, for my days are nothing. What is a man that Thou shouldst magnify him? or why dost Thou set Thy heart upon him? Thou visitest him early in the morning, and Thou provest him suddenly. How long wilt Thou not spare me, nor suffer me to swallow down my spittle? I have sinned, what shall I do to Thee, O Keeper of men? why hast Thou set me opposite to Thee, and I am become burdensome to myself? Why dost Thou not remove my sin, and why dost Thou not take away mine iniquity? Behold, now I shall sleep in the dust: and if Thou seek me in the morning, I shall not be.

R. I believe my Redeemer liveth, and that in the last day I shall rise from the earth: And in my flesh I shall see God my Saviour.

V. Whom I myself shall see, and not another, and mine eyes shall behold.

And in my flesh, etc.

THE SECOND LESSON. *Job 10.*

MY soul is weary of my life, I will let go my speech against myself, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God: Do not condemn me:

tell me why Thou judgest me so. Doth it seem good to Thee that Thou shouldst crush me, and oppress me, the work of Thy own hands, and help the counsel of the wicked? Hast Thou eyes of flesh: or seest Thou as man seeth? Are Thy days as the days of man, and are Thy years as the times of men: that Thou shouldst inquire after my iniquity, and search after my sin? And Thou knowest that I have done no wicked thing, whereas there is no man that can deliver out of Thy hand.

R. Thou who didst raise the dead Lazarus from the grave: Do Thou, O Lord, grant them rest and a place of forgiveness.

V. Thou who art to come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.

Do Thou, O Lord, etc.

THE THIRD LESSON. *Job 10.*

THY hands have made me, and fashioned me wholly round about, and dost Thou thus cast me down headlong on a sudden? Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast made me as the clay, and Thou wilt bring me into dust again. Hast Thou not pressed me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh: Thou hast put me together with bones and sinews: Thou hast granted me life and mercy, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

R. O Lord, when Thou shalt come to judge the earth, where shall I hide myself from the face of Thy wrath? For I have sinned greatly in my life.

V. I dread my misdeeds, and blush before Thee: condemn me not, when Thou shalt come to judge.

For I have sinned greatly in my life.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

For I have, etc.

Here Lauds *(p. 562) are recited when only the first Nocturn is said.*

THE SECOND NOCTURN.

Ant. He hath set me in a place of pasture.

PSALM 22.

THE Lord ruleth me, and I shall want nothing: He hath set me in a place of pasture.

He hath brought me to the waters of refreshment: He hath converted my soul.

He hath led me on the paths of justice: for His own name's sake.

For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I fear no evils: for Thou art with me.

Thy rod and Thy staff: they have comforted me.

Thou hast prepared a table before me: against them that afflict me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil: and my cup which inebriateth me, how goodly it is!

And Thy mercy will follow me: all the days of my life.

And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord: unto length of days.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. He hath set me in a place of pasture.

Ant. Remember not, O Lord, the sins of my youth, and mine ignorances.

PSALM 24.

TO Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul. In Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed.

Neither let mine enemies laugh at me: for none that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

Let all them be confounded: that transgress without cause.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord: and teach me Thy paths.

Direct me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art God my Saviour, and on Thee have I waited all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy compassion: and Thy mercies which are of old.

Remember Thou not the sins of my youth, and mine ignorances:

According to Thy mercy remember Thou me: for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

The Lord is sweet and righteous: therefore He will give a law to sinners in the way.

The meek will He guide in judgment: the gentle He will teach His ways.

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as seek after His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, Thou wilt pardon my sin: for it is great.

Who is the man that feareth the Lord? He hath appointed him a law in the way he hath chosen.

His soul shall dwell in good things: and his seed shall inherit the land.

The Lord is a support to them that fear Him: and His covenant that it may be manifest unto them.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare.

Look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me: for I am alone and poor.

The troubles of my heart are multiplied: deliver me out of my necessities.

Look upon my lowliness and my labor; and forgive me all my sins.

Consider mine enemies, for they are multiplied: and have hated me with an unjust hatred.

Keep Thou my soul, and deliver me: I shall not be ashamed, for I have hoped in Thee.

The innocent and the upright have cleaved unto me: because I have waited on Thee.

Deliver Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Remember not, O Lord, the sins of my youth, and mine ignorances.

Ant. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

PSALM 26.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the protector of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

Whilst the wicked draw near against me: to eat my flesh.

Mine enemies that trouble me: have themselves been weakened, and have fallen.

If armies in camp should stand together against me: my heart shall not fear.

If battle should rise up against me: in this will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

That I may see the delight of the Lord: and may visit His temple.

For He hath hidden me in His tabernacle: in the day of evils, He hath protected me in the secret place of His tabernacle.

He hath set me up upon a rock: and now He hath lifted up my head above mine enemies.

I have gone round and have offered up in His tabernacle a sacrifice of praise: I will sing and speak praise unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, my voice, with which I have cried unto Thee: have mercy on me, and hear me.

My heart hath said to Thee: My face hath sought Thee: Thy face, O Lord, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face from me: turn not in Thy wrath from Thy servant.

Be Thou my helper, forsake me not: neither despise me, O God my Saviour.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me: but the Lord hath taken me up.

Set me, O Lord, a law in Thy way: and guide me in the right path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over to the will of them that trouble me: for unjust witnesses have risen up against me, and iniquity hath lied to itself.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord, do manfully, and let thy heart take courage: and wait thou on the Lord.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

V. May the Lord set them with princes.

R. Even with the princes of His people.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

THE FOURTH LESSON. *Job 13.*

DO Thou answer me: how many are my iniquities and sins; make me know my crimes and offences. Why hidest Thou Thy face, and thinkest me Thy enemy? Against a leaf that is carried away with the wind Thou showest Thy power; and Thou pursuest dry stubble. For Thou writest bitter things against me, and consumest me for the sins of my youth. Thou hast put my feet in the stocks, and Thou observest all my paths, and considerest the steps of my feet: who am to be consumed as rottenness, and as a garment that is moth-eaten.

R. Remember me, O God, because my life is as a breath: Nor may the sight of man behold me.

V. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Nor may, etc.

THE FIFTH LESSON. *Job 14.*

MAN born of a woman, living for a short time, is filled with many miseries. He cometh forth like a flower, and is destroyed, and fleeth as a shadow, and never continueth in the same state. And dost Thou think it meet to open Thy eyes upon such a one, and to bring him into judgment with Thee? Who can make him clean that is conceived of unclean seed? Is it not Thou only? The days of man are short, and the number of his months is with Thee: Thou hast appointed his bounds, which cannot be passed. Depart a little from him, that he may rest, until his wished-for day come, as that of the hireling.

R. Woe is me, O Lord, because I have sinned greatly in my life: what shall I do, wretch that I am? whither shall I fly but unto Thee, O my God? Have mercy on me when Thou comest at the latter day.

V. My soul is sore troubled; but Thou, O Lord, succor it.

Have mercy on me, etc.

THE SIXTH LESSON. *Job 14.*

WHO will grant me this, that Thou mayest protect me in hell, and hide me till Thy wrath pass, and appoint me a time when Thou wilt remember me? Shall man that is dead, thinkest Thou, live again? all the days, in which I am now in warfare, I expect until my change come. Thou wilt call me, and I will answer Thee: to the work of Thy hands Thou wilt reach out Thy right hand. Thou indeed hast numbered my steps, but spare my sins.

R. Remember not my sins, O Lord: When Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

V. Direct, O Lord my God, my way in Thy sight. When, etc.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

When, etc.

Here Lauds *(p. 502) are recited when only the second Nocturn is said.*

THE THIRD NOCTURN.

Ant. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; look down, O Lord, to help me.

PSALM 39.

WITH expectation I waited for the Lord: and He was attentive unto me.

And He heard my prayers: and brought me out of the pit of misery, and out of the miry clay.

He set my feet also upon a rock: and directed my steps.

And He put a new song into my mouth: even a hymn unto our God.

Many shall see it, and shall fear: and they shall hope in the Lord.

Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord; and who hath not had regard to vanities and lying follies.

Many are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, O Lord my God; and in Thy thoughts there is none that is like unto Thee.

I have declared, and I have spoken : they are multiplied above number.

Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire : but ears Thou hast perfected unto me.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering Thou didst not require : then said I, Behold I come.

In the head of the book it is written of me that I should do Thy will : O my God, I have desired it, and Thy law is in the midst of my heart.

I have declared Thy justice in the great congregation : lo, I will not restrain my lips ; O Lord, Thou knowest it.

I have not hid Thy justice within my heart : I have declared Thy truth and Thy salvation.

I have not concealed Thy mercy and Thy truth : from the great assembly.

Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from me, O Lord : Thy mercy and Thy truth have always upheld me.

For evils without number have surrounded me : mine iniquities have overtaken me, and I was not able to see.

They are multiplied above the hairs of my head : and my heart hath failed me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me : look down, O Lord, to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed together : that seek after my soul to take it away.

Let them be turned backward, and put to shame : that wish me evil.

Let them at once be put to confusion : that say unto me, Aha, aha.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in

Thee: and let such as love Thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.

But as for me I am poor and needy; but the Lord is careful for me.

Thou art my helper and my protector: O my God, make no delay.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; look down, O Lord, to help me.

Ant. Heal my soul, O Lord, for I have sinned against Thee.

PSALM 40.

BLESSED is he that considereth the needy and poor: the Lord will deliver him in the evil day.

The Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth: and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

The Lord help him on his bed of sorrow: Thou hast turned all his bed in his sickness.

I said: O Lord, be Thou merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Mine enemies have spoken evil against me: When shall he die, and his name perish?

And if he came in to see me, he spoke vain things: his heart gathered together iniquity to itself.

He went out: and spoke to the same purpose.

All mine enemies whispered together against me: against me have they devised evils.

They sent forth an unjust word against me: shall he that sleepeth rise again no more?

For even the man of my peace, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread : hath greatly sought to overthrow me.

But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me, and raise me up again : and I will requite them.

By this I know that Thou hast wished well to me : because mine enemy shall not rejoice over me.

But Thou hast upheld me because of mine innocence : and Thou hast set me before Thy face for ever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel : from eternity and to eternity. Amen, amen.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Heal my soul, O Lord, for I have sinned against Thee.

Ant. My soul hath thirsted after the living God; when shall I come, and appear before the face of God?

PSALM 41.

AS the hart panteth after the water-springs : so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God; when shall I come, and appear before the face of God?

My tears have been my bread day and night : whilst it is said to me daily, Where is thy God?

These things I remembered, and I poured out my soul in me : for I shall go over into the place of the wonderful tabernacle, even unto the house of God.

With the voice of joy and praise : the noise of one feasting.

Why art thou sad, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope thou in God, for I will yet praise Him : who is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is troubled within myself: therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan and Hermoniim, from the little hill.

Deep calleth on deep: at the noise of Thy floodgates.

All Thy waves and Thy billows: have passed over me.

In the daytime the Lord hath commanded His mercy: and a song to Him in the night.

With me is prayer to the God of my life: I will say unto God, Thou art my support.

Why hast Thou forgotten me: and why go I mourning whilst mine enemy afflicteth me?

Whilst my bones are broken: mine enemies who trouble me have reproached me.

Whilst they say to me day by day: Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope thou in God, for I will yet praise Him: who is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. My soul hath thirsted after the living God; when shall I come, and appear before the face of God?

V. Deliver not unto beasts the souls that praise Thee.

R. And forget not the souls of Thy poor for ever.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

The Seventh Lesson. *Job 17.*

MY spirit is wasted: my days are shortened; and only the grave remaineth for me. I have not sinned, and my eye abideth in bitterness. Deliver me, O Lord, and set me beside Thee, and let any man's hand fight against me. My days have passed away; my thoughts are broken off, tormenting my heart. They have turned night into day; and after darkness I hope for light again. If I wait, hell is my house; and I have made my bed in darkness. I have said to rottenness: Thou art my father; to worms: My mother and my sister. Where is now then my expectation, and who considereth my patience?

R. Forasmuch as I sin daily, and repent not, the fear of death troubleth me: Because in hell there is no redemption, have mercy upon me, O God, and save me.

V. O God, save me in Thy name, and in Thy power deliver me.

Because in hell, etc.

THE EIGHTH LESSON. *Job 19.*

THE flesh being consumed, my bone cleaveth to my skin: and nothing but lips are left about my teeth. Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least ye my friends; because the hand of the Lord hath touched me. Why do ye persecute me as God, and glut yourselves with my flesh? Who will grant me that my words may be written? who will grant me that they may be marked down in a book, with an iron stile, and on a plate of lead, or else be graven with an instrument on the rock? For I know that my Redeemer liveth; and on the last day I shall rise out of the earth: and I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh I shall see my God. Whom I myself shall see, and my eyes shall behold, and not another: this, my hope, is laid up in my bosom.

R. Judge me not, O Lord, according to my works, for I have done nothing worthy in Thy sight; therefore I beseech Thy majesty: That Thou, O God, mayest blot out my iniquity.

V. Wash me, O Lord, yet more from my injustice, and cleanse me from my sin.

That Thou, O God, etc.

THE NINTH LESSON. *Job 10.*

WHY didst Thou bring me forth out of the womb? O that I had been consumed, that eye might not see me! I should have been as if I had not been, carried from the womb to the grave. Shall not the fewness of my days be ended shortly? Suffer me, therefore, that I may lament my sorrow a little: before I go and return no more, to a land that is dark and covered with the mist of death: a land of misery and darkness, where the shadow of death, and no order, but everlasting horror dwelleth.

R. Deliver me, O Lord, from the ways of hell, Thou who didst break the gates of brass in sunder, and didst visit hell, and give light therein: That they who were in the pains of darkness might behold Thee.

V. Crying, and saying: Thou art come, O our Redeemer.

That they, etc.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

That they, etc.

Here Lauds *follow immediately, when only the preceding Nocturn has been said.*

When the three Nocturns have been said, the Responsory *to the ninth Lesson is as follows:*

LIBERA me, Domine, de morte æterna, in die illa tremenda,* Quando cœli movendi sunt et terra:* Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem.	DELIVER me, O Lord, from eternal death in that awful day: When the heavens and the earth shall be shaken: When Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
V. Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo, dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira.	*V.* I am seized with fear and trembling, until the trial shall be at hand, and the wrath to come.
Quando, etc.	When the heavens, etc.
V. Dies illa, dies iræ, calamitatis et miseriæ, dies magna et amara valde.	*V.* That day, a day of wrath, of wasting, and of misery, a great day, and exceeding bitter.
Dum veneris, etc.	When Thou shalt come, etc.
V. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*V.* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
R. Libera me, etc.	*R.* Deliver me, etc.

LAUDS.

Ant. The bones that were humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

PSALM 50. *Miserere (p. 249).*

Ant. The bones that were humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

Ant. O hear my prayer, O Lord; unto Thee shall all flesh come.

PSALM 64.

A HYMN becometh Thee, O God, in Sion: and unto Thee shall the vow be paid in Jerusalem.

O hear my prayer: unto Thee shall all flesh come.

The words of the wicked have prevailed against us: and Thou wilt pardon our transgressions.

Blessed is he whom Thou hast chosen, and taken to Thee: he shall dwell in Thy courts.

We shall be filled with the good things of Thy house: holy is Thy temple, wonderful in justice.

Hear us, O God our Saviour, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and in the sea afar off.

Thou who preparest the mountains by Thy strength, being girded with power: who troublest the depth of the sea, the noise of its waves.

The gentiles shall be troubled, and they that dwell in the uttermost borders shall be afraid at Thy signs: Thou shalt make the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to be joyful.

Thou hast visited the earth, and hast watered it plenteously: Thou hast copiously enriched it.

The river of God is filled with water, Thou hast prepared their food: for so is its preparation.

Fill up plentifully the streams thereof, multiply its fruits: it shall spring up and rejoice in its showers.

Thou shalt bless the crown of the year of Thy goodness: and Thy fields shall be filled with plenty.

The beautiful places of the wilderness shall grow fat: and the hills shall be girded about with joy.

The rams of the flock are clothed, and the vales shall abound with corn; they shall shout, yea, they shall sing a hymn.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. O hear my prayer, O Lord; unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Ant. Thy right hand hath upheld me, O Lord.

PSALM 62.

O GOD, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day. For Thee my soul hath thirsted: for Thee my flesh longeth, O how exceedingly!

In a desert and pathless land where no water is: so have I come before Thee in Thy holy place, that I might see Thy power and Thy glory.

For Thy mercy is better than life: my lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee all my life long: and in Thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness: and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.

If I have remembered Thee upon my bed, on Thee will I meditate in the morning; because Thou hast been my helper.

And I will rejoice under the covert of Thy wings: my soul hath cleaved unto Thee: Thy right hand hath upheld me.

But they have sought my soul in vain: they shall go into the lower parts of the earth:

They shall be delivered into the hands of the sword: they shall be the portions of foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God, all they that swear by Him shall be praised: because the mouth of them that speak wicked things is stopped.

PSALM 66.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

That we may know Thy way upon earth : Thy salvation in all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations be glad and rejoice : for Thou dost judge the people with justice, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : let all the people praise Thee : the earth hath yielded her fruit.

May God, even our own God, bless us, may God bless us : and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Thy right hand hath upheld me, O God.

Ant. From the gate of hell deliver my soul, O Lord.

THE SONG OF HEZECHIAH. *Is. 38.*

I SAID, In the midst of my days : I shall go to the gates of hell.

I sought for the residue of my years ; I said, I shall not see the Lord God in the land of the living.

I shall behold man no more : nor the inhabitant of rest.

My generation is at an end ; and it is rolled away from me : as a shepherd's tent.

My life is cut off as by a weaver ; whilst I was yet but beginning He cut me off : from morning even to night Thou wilt make an end of me.

I hoped till morning: as a lion so hath He broken all my bones.

From morning even to night Thou wilt make an end of me: I cry like a young swallow, I moan like a dove.

My eyes are weakened: looking upward.

Lord, I suffer violence, answer Thou for me: what shall I say, or what shall He answer for me, whereas He Himself hath done it?

I will recount to Thee all my years: in the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, if man's life be such, and the life of my spirit be in such things as these, Thou wilt correct me, and make me live! Behold, for peace is my bitterness most bitter.

But Thou hast delivered my soul, that it should not perish: Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.

For hell will not thank Thee, neither will death praise Thee: nor will they that go down into the pit look for Thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall give praise to Thee, as I do this day: the father shall make Thy truth known to the children.

O Lord, save me: and we will sing our psalms all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. From the gate of hell deliver my soul, O Lord.

Ant. Let every spirit praise the Lord.

PSALM 148.

PRAISE ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights.

Praise Him, all ye His Angels : praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise Him, O ye sun and moon : praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, O ye heaven of heavens : and let all the waters that are above the heavens praise the name of the Lord.

For He spake, and they were made : He commanded, and they were created.

He hath established them for ever, and for ages of ages : He hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth : ye dragons, and all ye deeps.

Fire and hail ; snow and ice : and stormy winds, which fulfil His word :

Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars :

Beasts and all cattle : creeping things and feathered fowls :

Kings of the earth, and all people : princes and all judges of the earth :

Young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord : for His name alone is exalted.

His praise is above heaven and earth : and He hath exalted the horn of His people.

A song of praise to all His saints ; to the children of Israel, a people drawing nigh unto Him.

PSALM 149.

SING unto the Lord a new song : let His praise be in the Church of the Saints.

Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise His name in the choir: let them sing unto Him with timbrel and psaltery:

For the Lord is well pleased with His people: and He will exalt the meek unto salvation.

The saints shall rejoice in glory: they shall be joyful in their beds.

The high praises of God shall be in their mouth: and two-edged swords in their hands:

To execute vengeance upon the nations: and chastisements among the people:

To bind their kings with fetters; and their nobles with chains of iron.

To execute upon them the judgment that is written: this glory have all His saints.

PSALM 150.

PRAISE the Lord in His holy places: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His mighty acts: praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with timbrel and choir: praise Him with strings and organs.

Praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals; praise Him upon cymbals of joy: let every spirit praise the Lord.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Let every spirit praise the Lord.

V. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me:

R. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Ant. I am the Resurrection and the Life : he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live ; and every one who liveth, and believeth in Me, shall never die.

The BENEDICTUS, *or* SONG OF ZACHARY. *Luke 1.*

BENEDICTUS Dominus Deus Israel, * quia visitavit, et fecit redemptionem plebis suæ :	BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel : for He hath visited and wrought redemption for His people :
Et erexit cornu salutis nobis * in domo David pueri sui :	And raised up for us a horn of salvation : in the house of David His servant :
Sicut locutus est per os sanctorum, * qui a sæculo sunt, prophetarum ejus :	As He spake by the mouth : of His holy prophets of old :
Salutem ex inimicis nostris, * et de manu omnium, qui oderunt nos :	Deliverance from our enemies : and from the hand of all who hate us :
Ad faciendam misericordiam cum patribus nostris, * et memorari testamenti sui sancti.	To perform mercy to our fathers : and to remember His holy covenant.
Jusjurandum, quod juravit ad Abraham patrem nostrum, * daturum se nobis :	The oath which He sware to Abraham our father : that He would grant us :
Ut sine timore, de manu inimicorum nostrorum liberati, * serviamus illi,	That being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : we may serve Him without fear,

In sanctitate et justitia coram ipso * omnibus diebus nostris.	In holiness and justice before Him: all our days.
Et tu, puer, Propheta Altissimi vocaberis: * præibis enim ante faciem Domini parare vias ejus:	And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His ways:
Ad dandam scientiam salutis plebi ejus, * in remissionem peccatorum eorum:	To give knowledge of salvation to His people: unto remission of their sins:
Per viscera misericordiæ Dei nostri, * in quibus visitavit nos, oriens ex alto:	Through the tender mercy of our God: in which the Day-spring from on high hath visited us:
Illuminare his, qui in tenebris et in umbra mortis sedent: * ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.	To enlighten those who sit in darkness, and in the shade of death: to direct our feet into the way of peace.
Requiem æternam, etc.	Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live; and every one who liveth, and believeth in Me, shall never die.

Then are said the following prayers, all kneeling:

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gate of hell

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

V. May *he* rest in peace.
R. Amen.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come to Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ABSOLVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy *servant* N. from every bond of sin; that, in the glory of the Resurrection, among Thy saints and elect *he* may rise again unto newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

During the singing of Lauds *the Celebrant and his ministers prepare for the* Mass. *(See the* Ordinary of the Mass, *p. 114, for everything not here noted.)*

THE MASS FOR THE DEAD.

ON THE DAY OF DECEASE OR BURIAL.

THE INTROIT

REQUIEM æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.	ETERNAL rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion; et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem: exaudi orationem meam; ad te omnis caro veniet.	A hymn becometh Thee, O God in Sion; and unto Thee shall the vow be paid in Jerusalem: O hear my prayer; unto Thee shall all flesh come.
Requiem æternam, etc.	Eternal rest, etc.

THE PRAYER

DEUS, cui proprium est misereri semper et parcere, te supplices exoramus pro anima *famuli tui* N., quam hodie de hoc sæculo migrare jussisti: ut non tradas eam in manus inimici, neque obliviscaris in finem, sed jubeas eam a sanctis Angelis suscipi, et ad patriam Paradisi perduci; ut, quia in te speravit et credidit, non pœnas inferni sustineat, sed gaudia æterna possideat. Per Dominum, etc.

O GOD, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech Thee for the soul of Thy *servant* N., which Thou hast this day commanded to depart out of this world: that Thou deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it unto the end; but command it to be received by Thy holy Angels, and conducted into Paradise, its true country; that, as in Thee it hath hoped and believed, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but may take possession of eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

THE EPISTLE. 1 Thess. 4.

FRATRES:—Nolumus vos ignorare de dormientibus, ut non contristemini, sicut et cæteri qui spem non habent. Si enim credimus quod Jesus mortuus est et resurrexit, ita et Deus eos, qui dormierunt per Jesum, adducet cum eo. Hoc enim vobis

BRETHREN:—We will not have you ignorant concerning those who sleep, that ye sorrow not, as even the others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also those who are asleep through Jesus, God will

dicimus in verbo Domini, quia nos, qui vivimus, qui residui sumus in adventum Domini, non præveniemus eos, qui dormierunt. Quoniam ipse Dominus in jussu, et in voce Archangeli, et in tuba Dei descendet de cœlo: et mortui, qui in Christo sunt, resurgent primi. Deinde nos, qui vivimus, qui relinquimur, simul rapiemur cum illis in nubibus obviam Christo in aera, et sic semper cum Domino erimus. Itaque consolamini invicem in verbis istis.

bring with Him. For this we say to you on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who remain to the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself, with command, and with the voice of Archangel, and with trumpet of God, shall come down from heaven: and the dead who are in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up with them in the clouds to meet Christ in the air, and so we shall be always with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

THE GRADUAL.

REQUIEM æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

V. In memoria æterna erit justus; ab auditione mala non timebit.

ÆTERNAL rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not be afraid for evil tidings.

THE TRACT.

ABSOLVE, Domine, animas omnium fidelium defunctorum ab omni vinculo delictorum.	ABSOLVE, O Lord, the souls of all Thy faithful departed from every bond of sin.
V. Et gratia tua illis succurrente, mereantur evadere judicium ultionis.	*V.* And by the help of Thy grace may they be enabled to escape the judgment of vengeance.
V. Et lucis æternæ beatitudine perfrui.	*V.* And enjoy the blessedness of light eternal.

THE SEQUENCE.

DIES iræ, dies illa	DAY of wrath, O Day of mourning,
Solvet sæclum in favilla,	Lo, the world in ashes burning—
Teste David cum Sibylla.	Seer and Sibyl gave the warning.
Quantus tremor est futurus,	O what fear man's bosom rendeth,
Quando Judex est venturus,	When from heaven the Judge descendeth,
Cuncta stricte discussurus!	On whose sentence all dependeth!
Tuba mirum spargens sonum	Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth,
Per sepulchra regionum,	Through earth's sepulchres it ringeth,
Coget omnes ante thronum.	All before the Throne it bringeth.

Mors stupebit et natura,	Death is struck, and Nature quaking,
Cum resurget creatura,	All creation is awaking—
Judicanti responsura.	To its Judge an answer making.
Liber scriptus proferetur,	Lo, the Book, exactly worded,
In quo totum continetur,	Wherein all hath been recorded—
Unde mundus judicetur.	Thence shall judgment be awarded.
Judex ergo cum sedebit,	When the Judge His seat attaineth,
Quidquid latet apparebit:	And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nil inultum remanebit.	Nothing unavenged remaineth.
Quid sum miser tunc dicturus?	What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Quem patronum rogaturus,	Who for me be interceding
Cum vix justus sit securus?	When the just are mercy needing?
Rex tremendæ majestatis,	King, of majesty tremendous,
Qui salvandos salvas gratis,	Who dost free salvation send us,
Salva me, fons pietatis.	Fount of pity, then befriend us.

Recordare, Jesu pie,	Think, kind Jesu, my salvation
Quod sum causa tuæ viæ:	Caused Thy wondrous Incarnation—
Ne me perdas illa die.	Leave me not to reprobation.
Quærens me, sedisti lassus;	Faint and weary Thou hast sought me,
Redemisti, crucem passus:	On the Cross of suffering bought me;
Tantus labor non sit cassus.	Shall such grace be vainly brought me?
Juste Judex ultionis,	Righteous Judge of Retribution,
Donum fac remissionis	Grant Thy gift of absolution
Ante diem rationis.	Ere that Reck'ning Day's conclusion.
Ingemisco tanquam reus,	Guilty, now I pour my moaning,
Culpa rubet vultus meus;	All my shame with anguish owning:
Supplicanti parce, Deus.	Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning.
Qui Mariam absolvisti,	Thou the sinful Mary savest,
Et latronem exaudisti,	Thou the dying thief forgavest,
Mihi quoque spem dedisti.	And to me a hope vouchsafest.

Preces meæ non sunt dignæ:	Worthless are my prayers and sighing,
Sed tu bonus fac benigne,	Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Ne perenni cremer igne.	Rescue me from fires undying.
Inter oves locum præsta,	With Thy favored sheep O place me;
Et ab hœdis me sequestra,	Nor among the goats abase me,
Statuens in parte dextra.	But to Thy Right Hand upraise me.
Confutatis maledictis,	While the wicked are confounded,
Flammis acribus addictis,	Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Voca me cum benedictis.	Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.
Oro supplex et acclinis,	Low I kneel, with heart-submission;
Cor contritum quasi cinis;	See, like ashes, my contrition—
Gere curam mei finis.	Help me in my last condition.
Lacrymosa dies illa,	Ah, that day of tears and mourning,
Qua resurget ex favilla	From the dust of earth returning,
Judicandus homo reus.	Man for Judgment must prepare him—

Huic ergo parce, Deus :	Spare, O God, in mercy spare him.
Pie Jesu Domine,	Lord, who didst our souls redeem,
Dona eis requiem. Amen.	Grant a blessèd Requiem. Amen.

THE GOSPEL. *John 11.*

IN illo tempore :—Dixit Martha ad Jesum : Domine, si fuisses hic, frater meus non fuisset mortuus. Sed et nunc scio, quia quæcumque poposceris a Deo, dabit tibi Deus. Dicit illi Jesus : Resurget frater tuus. Dicit ei Martha : Scio, quia resurget in resurrectione in novissimo die. Dixit ei Jesus : Ego sum resurrectio et vita : qui credit in me, etiam si mortuus fuerit, vivet : et omnis qui vivit, et credit in me, non morietur in æternum. Credis hoc? Ait illi : Utique, Domine, ego credidi, quia tu es Christus, Filius Dei vivi, qui in hunc mundum venisti.

AT that time :—Martha said to Jesus : Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But now also I know that whatever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give Thee. Jesus saith to her : Thy brother will rise again. Martha saith to Him : I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said to her : I am the Resurrection and the Life : he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live : and every one who liveth, and believeth in Me, shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith to Him : Yea, Lord, I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God, who art come into this world.

THE OFFERTORY.

DOMINE Jesu Christe, Rex gloriæ, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de pœnas inferni, et de profundo lacu: libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum; sed signifer sanctus Michael repræsentet eas in lucem sanctam: * Quam olim Abrahæ promisisti, et semini ejus.

O LORD Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell, and from the depths of the pit: deliver them from the mouth of the lion, lest hell swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness; but let the standard-bearer, St. Michael, bring them into the holy light. Which Thou didst promise of old to Abraham, and to his seed.

V. Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus: tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus: fac eas, Domine, de morte transire at vitam.

V. We offer Thee, O Lord, a sacrifice of praise and prayers: do Thou accept them in behalf of those souls whom we this day commemorate. Grant, O Lord, that they may pass from death to life.

Quam olim Abrahæ promisisti, et semini ejus.

Which Thou didst promise of old to Abraham, and to his seed.

THE SECRET PRAYER.

PROPITIARE, quæsumus Domine, animæ *famuli tui* N., pro qua

BE merciful, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to the soul of Thy hostiam laudis tibi immolamus; majestatem tuam suppliciter deprecantes, ut, per hæc piæ placationis officia, pervenire mereatur ad requiem sempiternam. Per Dominum, etc.

servant N., for which we offer Thee the Sacrifice of praise; humbly beseeching Thy Majesty, that, by these offices of loving reconciliation, it may be found worthy to attain everlasting rest. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

The Communion.

LUX æterna luceat eis, Domine: * Cum Sanctis tuis in æternum, quia pius es.

℣. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Cum Sanctis, etc.

MAY light eternal shine upon them, O Lord: With Thy Saints for ever, because Thou art merciful.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

With Thy Saints, etc.

The Postcommunion.

PRÆSTA, quæsumus omnipotens Deus, ut anima *famuli tui* N., quæ hodie de hoc sæculo migravit, his sacrificiis purgata, et a peccatis expedita, indulgentiam pariter et requiem capiat sempiternam. Per Dominum, etc.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the soul of Thy *servant* N., which has this day departed out of this world, being purified by this sacrifice, and delivered from sins, may receive both pardon and eternal rest. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

After Mass the Celebrant, having put off the chasuble and maniple, receives a cope of black color. The Subdeacon takes the Processional Cross, and places himself at the head of the Corpse with the Cross, between two Acolytes with their candlesticks and lighted candles. The Celebrant, with the Deacon and other ministers, places himself at the feet of the Corpse, opposite the Cross. An Acolyte holds the Ritual before the Celebrant, who says the following prayer:]

In less solemn Funerals, where the Office *and* Mass *are omitted, the Priest, after reciting the* Subvenite, *etc., p. 531, begins at once the following Prayer:*

NON intres in judicium cum servo tuo, Domine, quia nullus apud te justificabitur homo, nisi per te omnium peccatorum ei tribuatur remissio. Non ergo eum, quæsumus, tua judicialis sententia premat, quem tibi vera supplicatio fidei Christianæ commendat: sed gratia tua illi succurrente, mereatur evadere judicium ultionis, qui dum viveret, insignitus est signaculo Sanctæ Trinitatis: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

ENTER not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord, for in Thy sight shall no man be justified, unless through Thee remission of all his sins be granted unto him. Let not, therefore, we beseech Thee, the sentence of Thy judgment weigh heavily upon him whom the true supplication of Christian Faith doth commend unto Thee: but, by the succor of Thy grace, may he be found worthy to escape the judgment of vengeance, who, while he lived, was sealed with the seal of the Holy Trinity: Who livest and reignest, world without end.

R. Amen.

Then is said or sung the Responsory Libera me, *etc., as on p. 562.*

Whilst the above Responsory *is being sung the Priest puts incense into the censer. At the end of the* Responsory *is said:*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).

Meanwhile the Priest receives the sprinkler from the assistant, and, having made a low bow to the crucifix, goes round the Bier, and sprinkles the Corpse thrice on each side: then, returning to his place, he receives the censer from the assistant, and in like manner goes round the Bier, and incenses the Corpse in the same way as he sprinkled it: then, having returned the censer to the assistant, he says:

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. A porta inferi	*V.* From the gate of hell
R. Erue, Domine, animam ejus.	*R.* Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.
V. Requiescat in pace.	*V.* May *he* rest in peace.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
DEUS, cui proprium est misereri semper	O GOD, whose property is always to have

et parcere, te supplices exoramus pro anima *famuli tui* N., quam hodie de hoc sæculo migrare jussisti : ut non tradas eam in manus inimici, neque obliviscaris in finem, sed jubeas eam a sanctis Angelis suscipi, et ad patriam Paradisi perduci : ut, quia in te speravit et credidit, non pœnas inferni sustineat, sed gaudia æterna possideat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech Thee for the soul of Thy *servant* N., which Thou hast this day commanded to depart out of this world : that Thou deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it unto the end ; but command it to be received by Thy holy Angels, and conducted into Paradise, its true country ; that, as in Thee it hath hoped and believed, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but may take possession of eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

(If the deceased was a Priest, the word Priest *is added to the name expressed in the prayer.)*

After this the Body is borne to the Grave, if it is to be buried then ; meanwhile is said or sung :

IN Paradisum deducant te Angeli, in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro

MAY the Angels lead thee into Paradise ; at thy coming may the Martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy City, Jerusalem. May the Choir of Angels quondam paupere æternam habeas requiem.

receive thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, mayest thou have eternal rest.

On reaching the Grave, if it be not blessed, the Priest blesses it, as follows:

Oremus.

Let us pray.

DEUS, cujus miseratione animæ fidelium requiescunt, hunc tumulum benedicere ✠ dignare, eique Angelum tuum sanctum deputa custodem; et quorum corpora hic sepeliuntur, animas eorum ab omnibus absolve vinculis delictorum, ut in te semper cum Sanctis tuis sine fine lætentur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

O GOD, in whose tender mercy the souls of the faithful departed are at rest, vouchsafe to bless ✠ this grave, and assign thereto Thy holy Angel as its keeper; and absolve from all the bonds of sin the souls of those whose bodies are here buried, that with Thy Saints they may ever rejoice in Thee to all eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The prayer being said the Priest sprinkles with holy water and afterwards incenses the Body of the deceased and the Grave. But if the Body is not buried then, the Responsory In Paradisum *is omitted (and also the Blessing of the Grave, if it be already blessed). The office then continues as follows:*

Ego sum.

I am.

The BENEDICTUS, *p. 569, is then sung.*

After which

Requiem æternam, etc.

Eternal rest, etc.

EGO sum resurrectio et vita: qui credit in me, etiam si mortuus fuerit, vivet: et omnis qui vivit, et credit in me, non morietur in æternum.	I AM the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live: and every one who liveth, and believeth in Me, shall never die.

Then is said:

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).

In the meantime the Priest sprinkles the Corpse.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. A porta inferi	*V.* From the gate of hell
R. Erue, Domine, animam ejus.	*R.* Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.
V. Requiescat in pace.	*V.* May *he* rest in peace.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

FAC, quæsumus Domine, hanc cum *servo* tu*o* defunct*o* misericordiam, ut factorum suorum in pœnis non recipiat vicem, *qui* tuam in votis tenuit voluntatem : ut sicut hic *eum* vera fides junxit fidelium turmis, ita illic *eum* tua miseratio societ angelicis choris. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine.

R. Et lux perpetua luceat ei.

V. Requiescat in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Anima ejus, et animæ omnium fidelium defunctorum, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this mercy unto Thy *servant* deceased, that, having in desire kept Thy will, *he* may not suffer in requital of *his* deeds : and as a true Faith joined *him* unto the company of Thy faithful here below, so may Thy tender mercy give *him* place above, among the Angel choirs. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Eternal rest grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

V. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. May *his* soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

THE BURIAL OF CHILDREN.

WHEN a Baptized Child shall have departed this life before coming to the use of reason, the Body shall be dressed as befits his age, and flowers shall be laid upon it, in token of purity and virginity. The Priest, vested in surplice and white stole, first sprinkles the Body with holy water, and says the first words of the Antiphon:

Sit nomen Domini.	Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PSALM 112, *p. 185*,

followed by Glory be to the Father. etc. *Then the Antiphon is said entire:*

SIT nomen Domini benedictum: ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	BLESSED be the name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

If the Body is borne to the Church, is said, according to the space of time:

PSALMS 118, *p. 39*, 148, 149, 150, *p. 566*.

On arriving at the Church the Priest says:

Ant. Hic accipiet.	*Ant.* He shall receive.

PSALM 23, *p. 454*.

Ant. Hic accipiet benedictionem a Domino, et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo, quia hæc est ge-	*Ant.* He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God his Saviour, for this is the gen-

neratio quærentium Dominum.	eration of them that seek the Lord.

Then is said

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*inaudibly*).

Meanwhile he sprinkles the Body

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. Me autem propter innocentiam suscepisti.	*V.* As for me, Thou hast received me because of mine innocence.
R. Et confirmasti me in conspectu tuo in æternum.	*R.* And hast set me before Thy face for ever.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	*Let us pray.*
OMNIPOTENS et mitissime Deus, qui omnibus parvulis renatis fonte baptismatis, dum migrant a sæculo, sine ullis eorum meritis vitam illico largiris æternam, sicut animæ hujus parvuli hodie credimus te fecisse: fac	ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who, when little children born again at the Font of Baptism depart this world, dost forthwith, without any desert of theirs, bestow upon them life everlasting, as we be-

nos, quæsumus Domine, per intercessionem beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis, et omnium Sanctorum tuorum, hic purificatis tibi mentibus famulari, et in Paradiso cum beatis parvulis perenniter sociari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

lieve Thou hast done this day to the soul of this little child: grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and of all Thy Saints, to serve Thee here with pure minds, and to be for ever united to the Blessed little ones in Paradise. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

While the Body is borne to the Grave, and even if it be not then buried, is said the first word of the Antiphon:

Juvenes.

Young men.

PSALM 148, *p. 566.*

Ant. Juvenes et virgines, senes cum junioribus, laudent nomen Domini.

Ant. Young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord.

Then is said:

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Pater noster (*secreto*).

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Sinite parvulos venire ad me.

R. Talium est enim regnum cœlorum.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, sanctæ puritatis amator, qui animam hujus parvuli ad cœlorum regnum hodie misericorditer vocare dignatus es: digneris etiam, Domine, ita nobiscum misericorditer agere, ut meritis tuæ sanctissimæ Passionis, et intercessione beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis et omnium Sanctorum tuorum, in eodem regno nos cum omnibus Sanctis et Electis tuis semper facias congaudere. Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre, in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Suffer the little children to come to Me.

R. For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, lover of holy Purity, who of Thy mercy hast this day vouchsafed to call the soul of this little one unto the kingdom of heaven: vouchsafe also, O Lord, to deal with us with the like mercy, that, by the merits of Thy most Holy Passion, and by the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and of all Thy Saints, Thou mayest make us to rejoice in the same kingdom with all Thy Saints and Elect. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest sprinkles the Body (as also the Grave) with holy water, and incenses it; after which it is buried.

Lastly, when he returns from the burial to the Church, he says the Song of the Three Children, Benedicite *(p. 327), with the* Gloria Patri *at the end. This* Antiphon *is said before and after:*

BENEDICITE Dominum, omnes electi ejus, agite dies lætitiæ et confitemini illi.

BLESS the Lord, all ye His elect, keep days of gladness and give praise unto Him.

Having arrived in the Church the Priest says before the Altar:

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui miro ordine Angelorum ministeria hominumque dispensas, concede propitius, ut a quibus tibi ministrantibus in cœlo semper assistitur, ab his in terra vita nostra muniatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost dispose the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that as Thy holy Angels always minister before Thee in heaven, so by them we may be protected in our life on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

VARIOUS PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD.

For a deceased Pope.

O GOD, by whose inscrutable appointment Thy servant N. (*here express his name*) was numbered among the Chief Bishops: grant, we beseech Thee, that he, who was Vicar of Thine Only-begotten Son on earth, may receive a place among Thy holy Pontiffs who have entered into everlasting blessedness.

For a deceased Bishop or Priest.

O GOD, who didst raise Thy servant N. (*here express his name*) to the dignity of Bishop (*or* Priest) in the Apostolic Priesthood: grant, we beseech Thee, that he may be for ever united to the company of the same.

Another Prayer for a deceased Bishop.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the soul of Thy servant Bishop N. (*here express his name*), which Thou hast taken from the toilsome conflict of this world, may have fellowship among Thy Saints.

For a deceased Priest.

O LORD, we pray Thee that the soul of Thy Priest, Thy servant N. (*here express his name*), which, while he abode in this world, Thou didst adorn with sacred gifts, may ever rejoice in a glorious seat in heaven.

For a Man deceased.

O LORD, incline Thine ear unto the prayers whereby we humbly call upon Thee to show mercy unto the soul of Thy servant N. (*here express the* *name*), which Thou hast commanded to depart out of this life; that it may please Thee to set him in a place of peace and light, and give him a part with Thy Saints.

For a Woman deceased.

LORD, we beseech Thee, in the tenderness of Thy great mercy, to have pity upon the soul of Thy handmaid N. (*here express her name*); cleanse her from all defilements which have stained this mortal body, and give her inheritance in everlasting salvation.

For deceased Parents.

O GOD, who hast commanded us to honor our father and mother, look in the tenderness of Thy mercy upon the *souls* of my *father and mother*, and forgive *them their* sins, and grant unto me the joy of seeing *them* again in the glorious light of everlasting life.

For deceased Brethren, Relations, and Benefactors.

O GOD, the bestower of forgiveness, etc., p. 779.

For a dead Friend.

HELP us, O God of our salvation, and at the prayers of Mary, the most Blessed Mother of God, ever Virgin, let the soul of Thy servant have a place in the light of everlasting blessedness.

For Benefactors.

HAVE mercy, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon the souls of all our departed benefactors, and in return for the benefits which they bestowed upon us on earth let them obtain an eternal reward in heaven.

For Those we are Bound to Pray for.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens, the commemoration of whom we keep with special reverence, and for whom we are bidden and are bound to pray, and the souls of all our benefactors, relations, and connections, and all the faithful, may rest in the bosom of Thy Saints; and hereafter, in the Resurrection from the dead, may please Thee in the land of the living.

For One Overtaken by Sudden Death.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, in whose hand is the lot of man, absolve the soul of Thy servant, we beseech Thee, from all sins; that although surprised by sudden death he may not lose the benefit of the repentance which he desired.

For Those who Repose in a Cemetery.

O GOD, in whose tender mercy the souls of the faithful are at rest, of Thy favor give unto the souls of all Thy servants and handmaidens, who here and everywhere sleep in Christ, pardon of sin; that they, being absolved from all guilt, may evermore rejoice with Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. *Amen.*

Hymns and Sequences

FOR THE

Church's Seasons.

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1. MORNING HYMN. (*See p. 37.*)

2. THE THIRD HOUR. TIERCE.

NUNC, Sancte nobis Spiritus,	COME, Holy Ghost, with God the Son,
Unum Patri cum Filio,	And God the Father, ever One;
Dignare promptus ingeri	Shed forth Thy grace within our breast,
Nostro refusus pectori.	And dwell with us, a ready guest.
Os, lingua, mens, sensus, vigor	By every power, by heart and tongue,
Confessionem personent;	By act and deed, Thy praise be sung;
Flammescat igne caritas,	Inflame with perfect love each sense,
Accendat ardor proximos.	That others' souls may kindle thence.
Præsta, Pater piissime,	O Father, that we ask be done,
Patrique compar Unice,	Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito	Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Regnans per omne sæculum.	Shall live and reign eternally.
Amen.	Amen.

3. THE SIXTH HOUR. SEXT.

RECTOR potens, verax Deus,	O GOD of truth, O Lord of might,
Qui temperas rerum vices,	Who orderest time and change aright,

Splendore mane illuminas,	Brightening the morn with golden gleams,
Et ignibus meridiem :	Kindling the noon-day's fiery beams :
Exstingue flammas litium,	Quench Thou in us the flames of strife,
Aufer calorem noxium,	From passion's heat preserve our life,
Confer salutem corporum,	Our bodies keep from perils free,
Veramque pacem cordium.	And give our souls true peace in Thee.
Præsta, Pater piissime,	Almighty Father, hear our cry
Patrique compar Unice,	Through Jesus Christ our Lord most High,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito	Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.	Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

4. THE NINTH HOUR. NONE.

RERUM, Deus, tenax vigor,	O GOD, creation's secret force,
Immotus in te permanens,	Thyself unmov'd, all motion's source,
Lucis diurnæ tempora	Who, from the morn till evening's ray,
Successibus determinans :	Through all its changes guid'st the day :
Largire lumen vespere,	Grant us, when this short life is past,
Quo vita nusquam decidat ;	The glorious evening that shall last :
Sed præmium mortis sacræ	That, by a holy death attain'd,
Perennis instet gloria.	Eternal glory may be gain'd.
Præsta, Pater piissime,	O Father, that we ask be done,
Patrique compar Unice,	Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son ;

Cum Spiritu Paraclito	Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.	Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

5. VESPER HYMN. (*See p. 190.*)

6. COMPLINE, OR EVENING HYMN. (*See p. 73.*)

7. ADVENT, AT VESPERS.

CREATOR alme siderum,	CREATOR of the stars of night,
Æterna lux credentium,	Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redemptor omnium,	Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
Intende votis supplicum.	And hear Thy servants when they call.
Qui dæmonis ne fraudibus	Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Periret orbis, impetu	Should doom to death an universe,
Amoris actus, languidi	Hast found the med'cine, full of grace,
Mundi medela factus es.	To save and heal a ruin'd race.
Commune qui mundi nefas	Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the Bride,
Ut expiares, ad Crucem	As drew the world to evening tide,
E Virginis sacrario	Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
Intacta prodis victima.	The spotless Victim all divine.
Cujus potestas gloriæ,	At whose dread Name, majestic now,
Nomenque cum primum sonat,	All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
Et cœlites, et inferi	And things celestial Thee shall own,
Tremente curvantur genu.	And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

Te deprecamur ultimæ	O Thou whose coming is with dread,
Magnum diei Judicem :	To judge the living and the dead,
Armis supernæ gratiæ	Preserve us, while we dwell below,
Defende nos ab hostibus.	From ev'ry insult of the foe.
Virtus, honor, laus, gloria	To Him who comes the world to free,
Deo Patri, cum Filio,	To God the Son, all glory be :
Sancto simul Paraclito,	To God the Father, as is meet,
In sæculorum sæcula.	To God the blessèd Paraclete.
Amen.	Amen.

8. ADVENT HYMN.

VENI, veni, Emmanuel !	DRAW nigh, draw nigh, Emmanuel,
Captivum solve Israel,	And ransom captive Israel,
Qui gemit in exilio,	That mourns in lonely exile here
Privatus Dei Filio.	Until the Son of God appear.
Gaude ! gaude ! Emmanuel	Rejoice ! rejoice ! Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.	Shall be born for thee, O Israel !
Veni, O Jesse virgula !	Draw nigh, O Jesse's Rod, draw nigh,
Ex hostis tuos ungula,	To free us from the enemy ;
De specu tuos tartari	From Hell's infernal pit to save,
Educ, et antro barathri.	And give us victory o'er the grave.
Gaude ! gaude ! Emmanuel	Rejoice ! rejoice ! Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.	Shall be born for thee, O Israel !
Veni, veni, O Oriens !	Draw nigh, Thou Orient, who shalt cheer
Solare nos adveniens :	And comfort by Thine Advent here,
Noctis depelle nebulas,	And banish far the brooding gloom
Dirasque noctis tenebras.	Of sinful night and endless doom.

Gaude! gaude! Emmanuel	Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.	Shall be born for thee, O Israel!
Veni, clavis Davidica!	Draw nigh, draw nigh, O David's Key,
Regna reclude cœlica,	The Heavenly Gate will ope to Thee;
Fac iter tutum superum,	Make safe the way that leads on high,
Et claude vias inferum.	And close the path to misery.
Gaude! gaude! Emmanuel	Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.	Shall be born for thee, O Israel!
Veni, veni, Adonai!	Draw nigh, draw nigh, O Lord of Might,
Qui populo in Sinai	Who to Thy tribes from Sinai's height
Legem dedisti vertice,	In ancient time didst give the law,
In majestate gloriæ.	In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Gaude! gaude! Emmanuel	Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Nascetur pro te, Israel.	Shall be born for thee, O Israel!
Amen.	Amen.

9. ADVENT.

Isa. xlv. 8: "*Drop dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One: let the earth be opened, and bud forth a Saviour.*"

RORATE, cœli, desuper, et nubes pluant Justum.

Ne irascaris, Domine, et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis: ecce, civitas Sancti facta est deserta: Sion deserta facta est: Jerusalem desolata est: domus sanctificationis tuæ et gloriæ tuæ, ubi laudaverunt te patres nostri.

Rorate, etc.

Peccavimus, et facti sumus

DROP dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One.

Be not very angry, O Lord, and remember no longer our iniquity: behold, Thy holy city is become deserted: Sion is become a desert: Jerusalem is desolate: the house of Thy sanctification and of Thy glory, where our fathers praised Thee.

Drop dew, etc.

We have sinned, and are be-tanquam immundi nos: et cecidimus quasi folium universi, et iniquitates nostræ quasi ventus abstulerunt nos: abscondisti faciem tuam a nobis, et allisisti nos in manu iniquitatis nostræ.

come as unclean: and we have all fallen as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have carried us away: Thou hast hidden Thy face from us, and hast crushed us in the hand of our iniquity.

Rorate, etc.

Drop dew, etc.

Vide, Domine, afflictionem populi tui, et mitte quem missurus es: emitte Agnum dominatorem terræ, de Petra deserti, ad montem filiæ Sion: ut auferat ipse jugum captivitatis nostræ.

Behold, O Lord, the affliction of Thy people, and send forth Him who is to come: send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth, from Petra of the desert, to the mount of the daughter of Sion: that He may take away the yoke of our captivity.

Rorate, etc.

Drop dew, etc.

Consolamini, consolamini, popule meus: cito veniet salus tua: quare mœrore consumeris? quia innovavit te dolor: salvabo te: noli timere: ego enim sum Dominus Deus tuus, Sanctus Israel, Redemptor tuus.

Be comforted, be comforted, My people: thy salvation cometh quickly: why with grief art thou consumed? for sorrow hath stricken thee: I will save thee, fear not: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Rorate, etc.

Drop dew, etc.

10. THE GREAT ANTIPHONS.

The following great Antiphons *are said entire before and after the* Magnificat, *from the* 17*th to the* 23*d of December, inclusive. If the Vespers are of a double, the great Antiphon is said after the prayer of the feast, for the commemoration of Advent.*

Antiphon for the 17th of December.

O SAPIENTIA, quæ ex ore Altissimi prodiisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiæ.

O WISDOM that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and dost mightily and sweetly order all things: come to teach us the way of prudence!

Antiphon for the 18th of December.

O ADONAI, et dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammæ rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti : veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.

O ADONAI, and Ruler of the house of Israel, who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai : come to redeem us with an outstretched arm !

Antiphon for the 19th of December.

O RADIX Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum ; super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur : veni ad liberandum nos : jam noli tardare.

O ROOT of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom the kings shall shut their mouths, whom the Gentiles shall seek : come to deliver us, make no tarrying.

Antiphon for the 20th of December.

O CLAVIS David, et sceptrum domus Israel : qui aperis et nemo claudit : claudis et nemo aperit ; veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O KEY of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel ; that openeth and no man shutteth ; and shutteth and no man openeth : come to bring out the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Antiphon for the 21st of December.

O ORIENS splendor lucis æternæ, et sol justitiæ : veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis.

O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the everlasting light, Son of Justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death !

Antiphon for the 22d of December.

O REX gentium et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis qui facis

O KING of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof; O Corner-stone, that utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.

makest of two one: come to save man, whom Thou hast made of the dust of the earth!

Antiphon for the 23d of December.

O EMMANUEL, rex et legifer noster, expectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos, Domine Deus noster.

O EMMANUEL, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles; yea, and salvation thereof: come to save us, O Lord our God!

11. CHRISTMAS, AT VESPERS.

JESU, Redemptor omnium,
Quem lucis ante originem
Parem paternæ gloriæ
Pater supremus edidit:

Tu lumen et splendor Patris,
Tu spes perennis omnium,
Intende quas fundunt preces
Tui per orbem servuli.

Memento, rerum Conditor,
Nostri quod olim corporis,
Sacrata ab alvo Virginis
Nascendo, formam sumpseris.

Testatur hoc præsens dies,
Currens per anni circulum,
Quod solus e sinu Patris
Mundi salus adveneris.

JESU! Redeemer of the world!
Who, ere the earliest dawn of light,
Wast from eternal ages born,
Immense in glory as in might:

Immortal Hope of all mankind!
In whom the Father's face we see,
Hear Thou the prayers Thy people pour
This day throughout the world to Thee.

Remember, O Creator Lord!
That in the Virgin's sacred womb
Thou wast conceived, and of her flesh
Didst our mortality assume.

This ever-blest recurring day
Its witness bears that all alone,
From Thy own Father's bosom forth,
To save the world Thou camest down.

Hunc astra, tellus, æquora,	O day to which the seas and sky,
Hunc omne, quod cœlo subest,	And earth and heaven, glad welcome sing;
Salutis Auctorem novæ	O day which healed our misery,
Novo salutat cantico.	And brought on earth Salvation's King!
Et nos, beata quos sacri	We too, O Lord, who have been cleansed
Rigavit unda sanguinis,	In Thy own fount of bloom divine,
Natalis ob diem tui	Offer the tribute of sweet song
Hymni tributum solvimus.	On this blest natal day of Thine.
Jesu, tibi sit gloria,	O Jesu! born of Virgin bright,
Qui natus es de Virgine,	Immortal glory be to Thee;
Cum Patre et almo Spiritu,	Praise to the Father infinite,
In sempiterna sæcula.	And Holy Ghost eternally.
Amen.	Amen.

12. CHRISTMASTIDE.

ADESTE, fideles,	YE faithful, approach ye
Læti triumphantes;	Joyfully triumphing;
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;	O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Natum videte	Come and behold ye
Regem Angelorum;	Born the King of Angels:
Venite adoremus,	O come. let us adore Him,
Venite adoremus,	O come, let us adore Him,
Venite adoremus Dominum.	O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Deum de Deo,	God of God eternal;
Lumen de Lumine,	Light from light proceeding;
Gestant puellæ viscera:	Lo, He deigns in the Virgin's womb to lie,
Deum verum,	Very God, yea,
Genitum non factum:	Not made but begotten:
Venite adoremus, etc.	O come, let us adore, etc.

Cantet nunc Io
Chorus Angelorum;
Cantet nunc aula cœlestium,

Gloria in excelsis Deo:
Venite adoremus, etc.

Ergo qui natus
Die hodierna,
Jesu, tibi sit gloria:

Patris æterni
Verbum caro factum;
Venite adoremus, etc.
Amen.

All ye choirs of angels,
Come, alleluia! sing,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God in the highest heavens:
O come, let us adore, etc.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning:
O Jesus, now to Thee be glory given,
Word of the Father,
In our flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore, etc.
Amen.

13. THE HOLY INNOCENTS, AT VESPERS.

SALVETE, flores martyrum,
Quos lucis ipso in limine

Christi insecutor sustulit,
Ceu turbo nascentes rosas.

Vos prima Christi victima,
Grex immolatorum tener,

Aram sub ipsam simplices

Palma et coronis luditis.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Virgine,
Cum Patre et almo Spiritu,
In sempiterna sæcula.
Amen.

LOVELY flowers of Martyrs, hail!
Smitten by the tyrant foe
On life's threshold—as the gale
Strews the roses ere they blow.

First to bleed for Christ, sweet lambs!
What a simple death ye died!
Sporting with your wreath and palms
At the very altar-side!

Honor, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son,
With the Father, and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.
Amen.

14. THE EPIPHANY, AT VESPERS.

CRUDELIS Herodes, Deum
Regem venire quid times?
Non eripit mortalia,
Qui regna dat cœlestia.

Ibant Magi, quam viderant,
Stellam sequentes præviam:
Lumen requirunt lumine,
Deum fatentur munere.

Lavacra puri gurgitis
Cœlestis Agnus attigit:
Peccata, quæ non detulit,
Nos abluendo sustulit.

Novum genus potentiæ:
Aquæ rubescunt hydriæ,
Vinumque jussa fundere,
Mutavit unda originem.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui apparuisti gentibus,
Cum Patre et almo Spiritu,
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

O CRUEL Herod! why thus fear
Thy King and God, who comes below?
No earthly crown comes He to take,
Who heavenly kingdoms doth bestow.

The wiser Magi see the star,
And follow as it leads before;
By its pure ray they seek the Light,
And with their gifts that Light adore.

Behold at length the heavenly Lamb
Baptized in Jordan's sacred flood;
There consecrating by His touch
Water to cleanse us in His blood.

But Cana saw her glorious Lord
Begin His miracles divine;
When water, reddening at His word,
Flowed forth obedient in wine.

To Thee, O Jesu, who Thyself
Hast to the Gentile world displayed,
Praise, with the Father evermore,
And with the Holy Ghost, be paid. Amen.

15. THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, AT VESPERS. (*January 25.*)

EGREGIE doctor Paule, mores instrue,	LEAD us, great teacher, Paul, in wisdom's ways,
Et nostra tecum pectora in cœlum trahe;	And lift our hearts with thine to heaven's high throne:
Velata dum meridiem cernat Fides,	Till Faith beholds the clear meridian blaze,
Et solis instar sola regnet Charitas.	And sunlike in the soul reigns Charity alone.
Sit Trinitati sempiterna gloria,	Praise, blessing, majesty, through endless days,
Honor, potestas, atque jubilatio,	Be to the Trinity immortal given;
In unitate, quæ gubernat omnia,	Who in pure unity profoundly sways
Per universa æternitatis sæcula. Amen.	Eternally all things alike in earth and heaven. Amen.

16. LENT, AT VESPERS.

AUDI, benigne Conditor,	O MAKER of the world, give ear!
Nostras preces cum fletibus,	Accept the prayer, and own the tear,
In hoc sacro jejunio	Towards Thy seat of mercy sent,
Fusas quadragenario.	In this most holy fast of Lent.
Scrutator alme cordium,	Each heart is manifest to Thee:
Infirma tu scis virium:	Thou knowest our infirmity:
Ad te reversis exhibe	Forgive Thou then each soul that fain
Remissionis gratiam.	Would seek to Thee, and turn again.
Multum quidem peccavimus,	Our sins are manifold and sore;
Sed parce confitentibus;	But pardon them that sin deplore;

Ad nominis laudem tui	And, for Thy name's sake, make each soul,
Confer medelam languidis.	That feels and owns its languor, whole.
Concede nostrum conteri	So mortify we every sense
Corpus per abstinentiam :	By grace of outward abstinence,
Culpæ ut relinquant pabulum	That from each stain and spot of sin
Jejuna corda criminum.	The soul may keep her fast within.
Præsta, beata Trinitas,	Grant, O Thou blessèd Trinity,
Concede simplex Unitas :	Grant, O Essential Unity,
Ut fructuosa sint tuis	That this our fast of forty days
Jejuniorum munera. Amen.	May work our profit and Thy praise. Amen.

17. LENT.

EX more docti mystico	NOW, with the slow revolving year,
Servemus hoc jejunium,	Again the Fast we greet
Deno dierum circulo,	Which in its mystic circle moves
Ducto quater notissimo.	Of forty days complete.
Lex et Prophetæ primitus	That Fast, by Law and Prophet taught,
Hoc prætulerunt, postmodum	By Jesus Christ restored ;
Christus sacravit, omnium	Jesus, of seasons and of times
Rex atque Factor temporum.	The Maker and the Lord.
Utamur ergo parcius	Henceforth more sparing let us be
Verbis, cibis, et potibus,	Of food, of words, of sleep ;
Somno, jocis, et arctius	Henceforth beneath a stricter guard
Perstemus in custodia.	The roving senses keep ;
Vitemus autem noxia,	And let us shun whatever things
Quæ subruunt mentes vagas,	Distract the careless heart ;

Nullumque demus callidi
Hostis locum tyrannidi.

Flectamus iram vindicem,
Ploremus ante Judicem,
Clamemus ore supplici,
Dicamus omnes cernui.

Nostris malis offendimus
Tuam, Deus, clementiam:
Effunde nobis desuper
Remissor indulgentiam.

Memento quod sumus tui,
Licet caduci plasmatis:
Ne des honorem nominis
Tui, precamur, alteri.

Laxa malum, quod fecimus,
Auge bonum, quod poscimus:
Placere quo tandem tibi
Possimus hic, et perpetim.

Præsta, beata Trinitas,
Concede, simplex Unitas,
Ut fructuosa sint tuis
Jejuniorum munera. Amen.

And let us shut our souls against
The tyrant tempter's art;

And weep before the Judge, and strive
His vengeance to appease;
Saying to Him with contrite voice
Upon our bended knees:

Much have we sinned, O Lord! and still
We sin each day we live;
Yet look in pity from on high,
And of Thy grace forgive.

Remember that we still are Thine,
Though of a fallen frame;
And take not from us in Thy wrath
The glory of Thy name.

Undo past evil; grant us, Lord,
More grace to do aright;
So may we now and ever find
Acceptance in Thy sight.

Blest Trinity in Unity!
Vouchsafe us, in Thy love,
To gather from these fasts below
Immortal fruit above. Amen.

18. PASSION SUNDAY.

VEXILLA Regis prodeunt:
Fulget Crucis mysterium,

THE Royal Banners forward go;
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;

Qua vita mortem pertulit,	Where He in flesh, our flesh who made,
Et morte vitam protulit.	Our sentence bore, our ransom paid :
Quæ vulnerata lanceæ	Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Mucrone diro, criminum	Life's torrent rushing from His side,
Ut nos lavaret sordibus,	To wash us in that precious flood
Manavit unda et sanguine.	Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood.
Impleta sunt, quæ concinit	Fulfilled is all that David told
David fideli carmine,	In true prophetic song of old ;
Dicendo nationibus :	Amidst the nations, God, saith he,
Regnavit a ligno Deus.	Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.
Arbor decora, et fulgida,	O Tree of beauty, Tree of light !
Ornata Regis purpura,	O Tree with royal purple dight !
Electa digno stipite	Elect on whose triumphal breast
Tam sancta membra tangere.	Those holy limbs should find their rest :
Beata, cujus brachiis	On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
Pretium pependit sæculi,	The weight of this world's ransom hung :
Statera facta corporis,	The price of humankind to pay,
Tulitque prædam tartari.	And spoil the spoiler of his prey :
O Crux ave, spes unica,	O Cross, our one reliance, hail !
Hoc passionis tempore	This holy Passiontide avail
Piis adauge gratiam,	To give fresh merit to the saint,
Reisque dele crimina.	And pardon to the penitent.

Te, fons salutis Trinitas,	To Thee, Eternal Three in One,
Collaudet omnes spiritus:	Let homage meet by all be done:
Quibus Crucis victoriam	Whom by the Cross Thou dost restore,
Largiris, adde præmium. Amen.	Preserve and govern evermore! Amen.

19. PASSIONTIDE.

PANGE, lingua, gloriosi	SING, my tongue, the glorious battle
Lauream certaminis,	With completed victory rife:
Et super crucis trophæo	And above the Cross's trophy
Dic triumphum nobilem,	Tell the triumph of the strife:
Qualiter Redemptor orbis	How the world's Redeemer conquered
Immolatus vicerit.	By surrendering of His life.

De parentis protoplasti	God his Maker, sorely grieving
Fraude Factor condolens,	That the first-made Adam fell
Quando pomi noxialis	When he ate the fruit of sorrow,
In necem morsu ruit,	Whose reward was death and hell,
Ipse lignum tunc notavit,	Noted then this wood, the ruin
Damna ligni ut solveret.	Of the ancient wood to quell.

Hoc opus nostræ salutis	For the work of our Salvation
Ordo depoposcerat,	Needs would have His order so;
Multiformis proditoris	And the multiform deceiver's
Ars ut artem falleret,	Art by art would overthrow,
Et medelam ferret inde	And from thence would bring the med'cine
Hostis unde læserat.	Whence the insult of the Foe.

Quando venit ergo sacri	Wherefore, when the sacred fulness
Plenitudo temporis,	Of th' appointed time was come,
Missus est ab arce Patris	This world's Maker left His Father,
Natus orbis Conditor,	Sent the Heav'nly Mansion from,
Atque ventre virginali	And proceeded, God Incarnate,
Carne amictus prodiit.	Of the Virgin's holy womb.
Vagit infans inter arcta	Weeps the Infant in the manger
Conditus præsepia	That in Bethlehem's stable stands;
Membra pannis involuta	And His limbs the Virgin Mother
Virgo mater alligat:	Doth compose in swaddling bands,
Et Dei manus, pedesque	Meekly thus in linen folding
Stricta cingit fascia.	Of her God the feet and hands.
Lustra sex qui jam peregit	Thirty years among us dwelling,
Tempus implens corporis,	His appointed time fulfilled,
Sponte libera Redemptor	Born for this, He meets His Passion,
Passioni deditus,	For that this He freely willed:
Agnus in crucis levatur	On the Cross the Lamb is lifted,
Immolandus stipite.	Where His Life-blood shall be spilled.
Felle potus ecce languet	He endured the nails, the spitting,
Spina, clavi, lancea;	Vinegar, and spear, and reed;
Mite corpus perforatur,	From that Holy Body broken
Unda manat, et cruor;	Blood and Water forth proceed:

Terra, pontus, astra, mundus,	Earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean
Quo lavantur flumine.	By that flood from stain are freed.
Crux fidelis ! inter omnes	Faithful Cross ! above all other
Arbor una nobilis !	One and only noble tree !
Silva talem nulla profert	None in foliage, none in blossom,
Fronde, flore, germine :	None in fruit thy peers may be :
Dulce ferrum, dulce lignum,	Sweetest wood and sweetest iron !
Dulce pondus sustinent.	Sweetest weight is hung on thee !
Flecte ramos, arbor alta,	Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory !
Tensa laxa viscera,	Thy relaxing sinews bend ;
Et rigor lentescat ille	For a while the ancient rigor,
Quem dedit nativitas,	That thy birth bestowed, suspend :
Et superni membra Regis	And the King of Heav'nly Beauty
Tende miti stipite.	On thy bosom gently tend !
Sola digna tu fuisti	Thou alone wast counted worthy
Ferre mundi victimam	This world's ransom to uphold ;
Atque portum præparare	For a shipwrecked race preparing
Arca mundo naufrago,	Harbor, like the Ark of old,
Quem sacer cruor perunxit	With the sacred Blood anointed
Fusus Agni corpore.	From the smitten Lamb that rolled.
Sempiterna sit beatæ	To the Trinity be glory
Trinitati gloria ;	Everlasting, as is meet ;
Æqua Patri, Filioque,	Equal to the Father, equal
Par decus Paraclito :	To the Son and Paraclete :
Unius Trinique nomen	Trinal Unity, whose praises
Laudet universitas.	All created things repeat.
Amen.	Amen.

20. PASSIONTIDE.

STABAT Mater dolorosa
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendebat Filius.
Cujus animam gementem,
Contristatam, et dolentem,
Pertransivit gladius.

O quam tristis et afflicta
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater Unigeniti.
Quæ mœrebat, et dolebat,
Pia Mater, dum videbat
Nati pœnas inclyti.

Quis est homo qui non fleret,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio?
Quis non posset contristari,
Christi Matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum Filio?

Pro peccatis suæ gentis
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.
Vidit suum dulcem Natum
Moriendo desolatum
Dum emisit spiritum.

AT the Cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last;
Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Lo! the piercing sword had passed!

O how sad, and sore distressèd,
Now was she, that Mother Blessèd
Of the Sole-begotten One;
Woe-begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter Passion
Saw she of her glorious Son.

Who could mark, from tears refraining,
Christ's dear Mother uncomplaining,
In so great a sorrow bowed?
Who, unmoved, behold her languish
Underneath His Cross of anguish,
'Mid the fierce, unpitying crowd?

For His people's sins rejected,
She her Jesus, unprotected,
Saw with thorns, with scourges rent;
Saw her Son from judgment taken,
Her beloved in death forsaken,
Till His Spirit forth He sent.

Eia Mater, fons amoris,	Fount of love and holy sorrow,
Me sentire vim doloris	Mother! may my spirit borrow
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.	Somewhat of thy woe profound;
Fac ut ardeat cor meum	Unto Christ, with pure emotion,
In amando Christum Deum,	Raise my contrite heart's devotion,
Ut sibi complaceam.	Love to read in every Wound.
Sancta Mater, istud agas,	Those five Wounds on Jesus smitten,
Crucifixi fige plagas	Mother! in my heart be written,
Cordi meo valide.	Deep as in thine own they be:
Tui Nati vulnerati,	Thou, my Saviour's cross who bearest,
Tam dignati pro me pati,	Thou, thy Son's rebuke who sharest,
Pœnas mecum divide.	Let me share them both with thee!
Fac me tecum pie flere,	In the Passion of my Maker
Crucifixo condolere,	Be my sinful soul partaker,
Donec ego vixero.	Weep till death, and weep with thee;
Juxta Crucem tecum stare,	Mine with thee be that sad station,
Et me tibi sociare	There to watch the great Salvation
In planctu desidero.	Wrought upon the atoning Tree.
Virgo virginum præclara,	Virgin thou of virgins fairest,
Mihi jam non sis amara;	May the bitter woe thou sharest
Fac me tecum plangere.	Make on me impression deep:
Fac ut portem Christi mortem,	Thus Christ's dying may I carry,
Passionis fac consortem	With Him in His Passion tarry,
Et plagas recolere.	And His Wounds in memory keep.

Fac me plagis vulnerari,
Fac me Cruce inebriari,
Et cruore Filii.
Flammis ne urar succensus,
Per te, Virgo, sim defensus
In die judicii.

Christe, cum sit hinc exire
Da per Matrem me venire
Ad palmam victoriæ.
Quando corpus morietur,
Fac ut animæ donetur
Paradisi gloria.
Amen.(i)

May His Wounds transfix me wholly,
May His Cross and Life Blood holy
Ebriate my heart and mind;
Thus inflamed with pure affection,
In the Virgin's Son protection
May I at the judgment find.

When in death my limbs are failing,
Let Thy Mother's prayer prevailing
Lift me, Jesus! to Thy throne;
To my parting soul be given
Entrance through the gate of Heaven,
There confess me for Thine own.
Amen.(i)

21. PALM SUNDAY, AT THE PROCESSION.

GLORIA, laus, et honor tibi sit, Rex, Christe, Redemptor:
Cui puerile decus prompsit Hosanna pium.
Israel es tu Rex Davidis et inclyta proles:
Nomine qui in Domini, Rex benedicte venis.
R. Gloria, laus, etc.
Cœtus in excelsis te laudat cœlicus omnis,
Et mortalis homo, et cuncta creata simul.
R. Gloria, laus, etc.

TO Thee, O Christ, be glory, praises loud,
To Thee, Hosanna, cried the Jewish crowd,
We Israel's monarch, David's Son proclaim:
Thou com'st, blest King, in God's most holy name.
R. To Thee, etc.
Angels and men in one harmonious choir
To sing Thy everlasting praise conspire.
R. To Thee, etc.

Plebs Hebræa tibi cum palmis obvia venit ;
Cum prece, voto, hymnis adsumus ecce tibi.
R. Gloria, laus, etc.
Hi tibi passuro solvebant munia laudis :
Nos tibi regnanti pangimus ecce melos.
R. Gloria, laus, etc.
Hi placuere tibi, placeat devotio nostra :
Rex bone, Rex clemens, cui bona cuncta placent.
R. Gloria, laus, etc. Amen.

Thee Israel's children met with conquering palms ;
To Thee our vows we pay in loudest psalms.
R. To Thee, etc.
For Thee on earth with boughs they strewed the ways :
To Thee in heaven we sing melodious praise.
R. To Thee, etc.
Accept this tribute, which to Thee we bring,
As Thou didst theirs, O good and gracious King.
R. To Thee, etc. Amen.

22. EASTER. SEQUENCE AT MASS.

VICTIMÆ paschali laudes
Immolent Christiani.
Agnus redemit oves :
Christus innocens Patri
Reconciliavit peccatores.
Mors et vita duello
Conflixere mirando :
Dux vitæ mortuus,
Regnat vivus.
Dic nobis, Maria,
Quid vidisti in via ?
Sepulchrum Christi viventis,
Et gloriam vidi resurgentis :

UNTO the Paschal Victim bring,
Christians, your thankful offering.
The Lamb redeemed the flock,
So Christ the spotless, without guile,
To God did sinners reconcile.
In wondrous deadly shock
Lo ! death and life contend and strive ;
The Lord of life, who died, doth reign and live.
What thou sawest, Mary, say,
As thou wentest on the way.
I saw the grave which could not Christ retain ;
I saw His glory as He rose again ;
I saw th' Angelic witnesses around ;

Angelicos testes, Sudarium et vestes.	The napkin and the linen clothes I found.
Surrexit Christus spes mea :	Yea, Christ my hope is risen, and He
Præcedet vos in Galilæam.	Will go before you into Galilee.
Scimus Christum surrexisse	We know that Christ indeed has risen from the grave :
A mortuis vere :	Hail, thou King of Victory !
Tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.	Have mercy, Lord, and save.
Amen. Alleluia.	Amen. Alleluia.

23. EASTER, AT VESPERS.

No Hymn is sung, but instead the following Antiphon :

HÆC dies quam fecit Dominus : exultemus et lætemur in ea.	THIS is the day which the Lord hath made : let us be glad and rejoice therein.

24. LOW SUNDAY, AT VESPERS.

AD regias agni dapes	NOW at the Lamb's high royal feast
Stolis amicti candidis,	In robes of saintly white we sing,
Post transitum maris Rubri	Through the Red Sea in safety brought
Christo canamus Principi.	By Jesus our immortal King.
Divina cujus Charitas	O depth of love ! for us He drinks
Sacrum propinat sanguinem,	The chalice of His agony ;
Almique membra corporis	For us a Victim on the Cross
Amor sacerdos immolat.	He meekly lays Him down to die.
Sparsum cruorem postibus	And as the avenging angel passed
Vastator horret angelus :	Of old the blood-besprinkled door ;

Fugitque divisum mare :	As the cleft sea a passage gave,
Merguntur hostes fluctibus.	Then closed to whelm th' Egyptians o'er :
Jam Pascha nostrum Christus est,	So Christ, our Paschal Sacrifice,
Paschalis idem victima,	Has brought us safe all perils through ;
Et pura puris mentibus	While for unleavened bread we need
Sinceritatis azyma.	But heart sincere and purpose true.
O vera cœli victima,	Hail, purest Victim Heaven could find
Subjecta cui sunt tartara,	The powers of Hell to overthrow !
Soluta mortis vincula,	Who didst the chains of Death destroy ;
Recepta vitæ præmia.	Who dost the prize of Life bestow.
Victor subactis inferis	Hail, victor Christ ! hail, risen King !
Trophæa Christus explicat,	To Thee alone belongs the crown,
Cœloque aperto, subditum	Who hast the heavenly gates unbarred,
Regem tenebrarum trahit.	And dragged the Prince of darkness down.
Ut sis perenne mentibus	O Jesu ! from the death of sin
Paschale Jesu gaudium,	Keep us, we pray ; so shalt Thou be
A morte dira criminum	The everlasting paschal joy
Vitæ renatos libera.	Of all the souls new-born in Thee.
Deo Patri sit gloria,	Now to the Father, and the Son
Et Filio qui a mortuis	Who rose from death, be glory given,
Surrexit, ac Paraclito	With Thee, O holy Comforter,
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.	Henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

25. ASCENSION-TIDE, AT VESPERS.

SALUTIS humanæ Sator,
Jesu voluptas cordium,
Orbis redempti Conditor,
Et casta lux amantium.

Qua victus es clementia,
Ut nostra ferres crimina?
Mortem subires innocens,
A morte nos ut tolleres?

Perrumpis infernum chaos
Vinctis catenas detrahis;
Victor triumpho nobili
Ad dexteram Patris sedes.

Te cogat indulgentia,
Ut damna nostra sarcias,
Tuique vultus compotes
Dites beato lumine.

Tu dux ad astra, et semita,
Sis meta nostris cordibus,
Sis lacrymarum gaudium,
Sis dulce vitæ præmium.
Amen.

O THOU pure Light of souls that love!
True joy of every human breast!
Sower of life's immortal seed!
Our Maker, and Redeemer blest!

What wondrous pity Thee o'ercame
To make our guilty load Thine own,
And, sinless, suffer death and shame,
For our transgressions to atone!

Thou, bursting Hades open wide,
Didst all the captive souls unchain;
And thence to Thy dread Father's side
With glorious pomp ascend again.

O still may pity Thee compel
To heal the wounds of which we die;
And take us in Thy light to dwell,
Who for Thy blissful Presence sigh.

Be Thou our Guide; be Thou our Goal;
Be Thou our Pathway to the skies;
Our Joy when sorrow fills the soul;
In death our everlasting prize.
Amen.

26. WHITSUNTIDE. VESPERS.

VENI, Creator Spiritus,	COME, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
Mentes tuorum visita,	From thy bright heavenly throne !
Imple superna gratia,	Come, take possession of our souls,
Quæ tu creasti, pectora.	And make them all Thine Own !
Qui diceris Paraclitus,	Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Altissimi donum Dei,	Best Gift of God above,
Fons vivus, ignis, charitas,	The Living Spring, the Living Fire,
Et spiritalis unctio.	Sweet Unction, and True Love !
Tu septiformis munere,	Thou who art sevenfold in Thy grace,
Digitus paternæ dexteræ,	Finger of God's right hand,
Tu rite promissum Patris,	His Promise, teaching little ones
Sermone ditans guttura.	To speak and understand !
Accende lumen sensibus :	O guide our minds with Thy blest light,
Infunde amorem cordibus :	With love our hearts inflame,
Infirma nostri corporis	And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Virtute firmans perpeti.	Confirm our mortal frame.
Hostem repellas longius,	Far from us drive our hellish foe,
Pacemque dones protinus :	True peace unto us bring,
Ductore sic te prævio	And through all perils guide us safe
Vitemus omne noxium.	Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Per te sciamus da Patrem	Through Thee may we the Father know,
Noscamus atque Filium :	Through Thee the Eternal Son,
Teque utriusque Spiritum	And Thee the Spirit of them both—
Credamus omni tempore.	Thrice-blessèd Three in One.
Deo Patri sit gloria,	Now to the Father, and the Son
Et Filio qui a mortuis	Who rose from death, be glory given,
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,	With Thee, O holy Comforter,
In sæculorum sæcula. Amen. (i)	Henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.(i)

27. WHITSUNTIDE. SEQUENCE AT MASS.

VENI sancte Spiritus,	COME, Thou holy Paraclete,
Et emitte cœlitus	And from Thy celestial seat
Lucis tuæ radium.	Send Thy light and brilliancy :
Veni pater pauperum,	Father of the poor, draw near,
Veni dator munerum,	Giver of all gifts, be here :
Veni lumen cordium.	Come, the soul's true radiancy :
Consolator optime,	Come, of Comforters the best,
Dulcis hospes animæ,	Of the soul the sweetest guest,
Dulce refrigerium.	Come in toil refreshingly :
In labore requies,	Thou in labor rest most sweet,
In æstu temperies,	Thou art shadow from the heat,
In fletu solatium.	Comfort in adversity.
O lux beatissima,	O Thou Light most pure and blest,
Reple cordis intima	Shine within the inmost breast
Tuorum fidelium.	Of Thy faithful company.

Sine tuo numine,	Where Thou art not, man hath naught;
Nihil est in homine,	Every holy deed and thought
Nihil est innoxium.	Comes from Thy divinity.
Lava quod est sordidum,	What is soilèd, make Thou pure;
Riga quod est aridum,	What is wounded, work its cure;
Sana quod est saucium.	What is parchèd, fructify;
Flecte quod est rigidum,	What is rigid, gently bend;
Fove quod est frigidum,	What is frozen, warmly tend;
Rege quod est devium.	Strengthen what goes erringly.
Da tuis fidelibus,	Fill Thy faithful, who confide
In te confidentibus,	In Thy power to guard and guide,
Sacrum septenarium.	With Thy sevenfold mystery.
Da virtutis meritum,	Here Thy grace and virtue send;
Da salutis exitum,	Grant salvation in the end,
Da perenne gaudium.	And in heaven felicity.
Amen. Alleluia.(i)	Amen. Alleluia.(i)

28. TRINITY SUNDAY, AT VESPERS.

JAM sol recedit igneus,	NOW doth the fiery sun decline—
Tu lux perennis Unitas,	Thou, Unity Eternal! shine;
Nostris, beata Trinitas,	Thou, Trinity, Thy blessings pour,
Infunde amorem cordibus.	And make our hearts with love run o'er.
Te mane laudum carmine,	Thee in the hymns of morn we praise;
Te deprecamur vespere;	To Thee our voice at eve we raise;

Digneris, ut te supplices	O grant us, with Thy saints on high,
Laudemus inter cœlites.	Thee through all time to glorify.
Patri, simulque Filio,	Praise to the Father, with the Son
Tibique Sancte Spiritus,	And Holy Spirit, Three in One ;
Sicut fuit, sit jugiter	As ever was in ages past,
Sæclum per omne gloria. Amen.	And shall be so while ages last. Amen.

29. CORPUS CHRISTI, AT VESPERS.

PANGE, lingua, gloriosi	NOW, my tongue, the mystery telling
Corporis mysterium,	Of the glorious Body sing,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,	And the Blood, all price excelling,
Quem in mundi pretium	Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Fructus ventris generosi	In a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
Rex effudit gentium.	Shed for this world's ransoming.
Nobis datus, nobis natus	Given for us, and condescending
Ex intacta Virgine,	To be born for us below,
Et in mundo conversatus,	He with men in converse blending
Sparso verbi semine,	Dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
Sui moras incolatus	Till He closed with wondrous ending
Miro clausit ordine.	His most patient life of woe.
In supremæ nocte cœnæ	That last night at supper lying,
Recumbens cum fratribus,	'Mid the twelve His chosen band,

Observata lege plene	Jesus, with the law complying
Cibis in legalibus,	Keeps the Feast its rites demand;
Cibum turbæ duodenæ	Then, more precious Food supplying,
Se dat suis manibus.	Gives Himself with His Own hand.
Verbum caro, panem verum	Word-made-Flesh, true bread He maketh
Verbo carnem efficit,	By His Word His Flesh to be;
Fitque sanguis Christi merum,	Wine, His Blood; which whoso taketh
Etsi sensus deficit:	Must from carnal thoughts be free;
Ad firmandum cor sincerum	Faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
Sola fides sufficit.	Shows true hearts the Mystery.
Tantum ergo Sacramentum	Therefore we, before Him bending,
Veneremur cernui:	This great Sacrament revere;
Et antiquum documentum	Types and shadows have their ending,
Novo cedat ritui:	For the newer Rite is here;
Præstet fides supplementum	Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Sensuum defectui.	Makes our inward vision clear.
Genitori, Genitoque	Glory let us give, and blessing,
Laus et jubilatio,	To the Father and the Son,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque	Honor, laud, and praise addressing,
Sit et benedictio:	And eternal benison.
Procedenti ab utroque	Holy Ghost, from both progressing,
Compar sit laudatio.	Equal laud to Thee be done.
Amen.(i)	Amen.(i)

30. CORPUS CHRISTI. MATINS.

SACRIS solemniis juncta sint gaudia,
Et ex præcordiis sonent præconia;
Recedant vetera, nova sint omnia,
Corda, voces et opera.

LET this our solemn feast
With holy joys be crowned,
And from each loving breast
The voice of gladness sound;
Let ancient things depart,
And all be new around,
In every act and voice and heart.

Noctis recolitur cœna novissima,
Qua Christus creditur agnum et azyma
Dedisse fratribus, juxta legitima
Priscis indulta patribus.

Remember we that eve,
That Supper last and dread,
When Christ, as we believe,
The Lamb and leavenless Bread
Unto His brethren brought,
And thus the law obeyed
Of old time to the fathers taught.

Post agnum typicum, expletis epulis,
Corpus Dominicum datum discipulis,
Sic totum omnibus, quod totum singulis,
Ejus fatemur manibus.

But when the law's repast
Was o'er, the type complete,
To His disciples last
The Lord His Flesh to eat,
The whole to all, no less
The whole to each, doth mete,
With His own hand, as we confess.

Dedit fragilibus corporis ferculum,
Dedit et tristibus sanguinis poculum,

He gave the weak and frail
His Body for their food,
The sad for their regale
The Chalice of His Blood,

Dicens, Accipite quod trado vasculum,
Omnes ex eo bibite.

And said—Take ye of this,
My Cup with life imbued;
O drink ye all this draught of bliss!

Sic sacrificium istud instituit,
Cujus officium committi voluit
Solis presbyteris, quibus sic congruit,
Ut sumant, et dent cæteris.

He ordered in this wise
Our Holy Offering
To be the Sacrifice
Which Priests alone should bring:
For whom is meet and fit
That they should eat of it,
And in their turn to others give.

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum:
Dat panis cœlicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis! manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

Lo! Angels' Bread is made
The Bread of mortal man;
Shows forth this heavenly Bread
The ends which types began;
O wondrous boon indeed!
Upon his Lord now can
A poor and humble servant feed!

Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus,
Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus:
Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem, quam inhabitas.
Amen.

Thee, Deity Triune
Yet One, we meekly pray
O visit us right soon,
As we our homage pay;
And in Thy footsteps bright
Conduct us on our way
To where Thou dwell'st in cloudless light. Amen.

31. CORPUS CHRISTI. LAUDS.

VERBUM supernum prodiens,
Nec Patris linquens dexteram,

THE Word of God proceeding forth,
Yet leaving not the Father's side,

Ad opus suum exiens,	And going to His work on earth,
Venit ad vitæ vesperam.	Had reached at length life's eventide.

In mortem a discipulo	By a disciple to be given
Suis tradendus æmulis,	To rivals for His Blood athirst,
Prius in vitæ ferculo	Himself, the very Bread of heaven,
Se tradidit discipulis.	He gave to His disciples first.

Quibus sub bina specie	He gave Himself in either kind,
Carnem dedit et sanguinem,	His precious Flesh, His precious Blood ;
Ut duplicis substantiæ	Of flesh and blood is man combined,
Totum cibaret hominem.	And He of man would be the Food.

Se nascens dedit socium,	In birth, man's fellow-man was He :
Convescens in edulium,	His Meat, while sitting at the board ;
Se moriens in pretium,	He died, his Ransomer to be ;
Se regnans dat in præmium.	He reigns, to be his great Reward.

O salutaris hostia,	O saving Victim, slain to bless,
Quæ cœli pandis ostium :	Who op'st the heavenly gate to all :
Bella premunt hostilia,	The attacks of many a foe oppress ;
Da robur, fer auxilium.	Give strength in strife, and help in fall.

Uni, trinoque Domino	To God, the Three in One, ascend
Sit sempiterna gloria,	All thanks and praise for evermore ;
Qui vitam sine termino	He grants the life that shall not end,
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.	Upon the heavenly country's shore. Amen.

32. CORPUS CHRISTI. PROCESSIONAL.

LAUDA Sion Salvatorem,	PRAISE high thy Saviour, Sion, praise,
Lauda Ducem et Pastorem,	With hymns of joy and holy lays,
In hymnis et canticis.	Thy Guide and Shepherd true.
Quantum potes, tantum aude;	Dare all thou canst, yea, take thy fill
Quia major omni laude,	Of praise and adoration. still
Nec laudare sufficis.	Thou fail'st to reach His due.
Laudis thema specialis,	A special theme for thankful hearts,
Panis vivus et vitalis	The bread that lives, and life imparts,
Hodie proponitur.	To-day is duly set;
Quem in sacræ mensa cœnæ	Which, at the solemn festal board,
Turbæ fratrum duodenæ	Was dealt around when, with their Lord,
Datum non ambigitur:	His chosen Twelve were met.
Sit laus plena, sit sonora,	Full be the praise, and sweetly sounding,
Sit jucunda, sit decora	With joy and reverence abounding,
Mentis jubilatio.	The soul's glad festival.
Dies enim solemnis agitur,	This is the day of glorious state,
In qua mensæ prima recolitur	When of that feast we celebrate
Hujus institutio.	The high original.
In hac mensa novi Regis,	'Tis here our King makes all things new,
Novum pascha novæ legis	And living rules and offerings true
Phase vetus terminat.	Absorb each legal rite;
Vetustatem novitas,	Before the new retreats the old,
Umbram fugat veritas,	And life succeeds to shadows cold,
Noctem lux eliminat.	And day displaces night.

Quod in cœna Christus gessit,	His faithful followers Christ hath bid
Faciendum hoc expressit	To do what at the feast He did,
In sui memoriam.	For sweet remembrance' sake;
Docti sacris institutis,	And, gifted through His high commands,
Panem, vinum in salutis	Of bread and wine their priestly hands
Consecramus hostiam.	A saving victim make.
Dogma datur Christianis,	O Truth to Christian love displayed,
Quod in carnem transit panis,	The bread His very Body made,
Et vinum in sanguinem.	His very Blood the wine;
Quod non capis, quod non vides,	Nor eye beholds, nor thought conceives,
Animosa firmat fides	But dauntless Faith the change believes
Præter rerum ordinem.	Wrought by a power divine.
Sub diversis speciebus,	Beneath two differing species
Signis tantum et non rebus,	(Signs only, not their substances)
Latent res eximiæ.	Lie mysteries deep and rare.
Caro cibus, sanguis potus:	His Flesh the meat, the drink His Blood,
Manet tamen Christus totus	Yet Christ entire, our heavenly Food,
Sub utraque specie.	Beneath each kind is there.
A sumente non concisus,	And they who of the Lord partake
Non confractus, non divisus,	Nor sever Him, nor rend, nor break:
Integer accipitur.	All gain, and naught is lost;
Sumit unus, sumunt mille,	The boon now one, now thousands claim,
Quantum isti, tantum ille,	Yet one and all receive the same—
Nec sumptus consumitur.	Receive, but ne'er exhaust.

Sumunt boni, sumunt mali:	The gift is shared by all, yet tends,
Sorte tamen inæquali	In bad and good, to differing ends
Vitæ vel interitus.	Of blessing or of woe;
Mors est malis, vita bonis,	What death to some, salvation brings
Vide paris sumptionis	To others: lo! from common springs
Quam sit dispar exitus.	What various issues flow!
Fracto demum Sacramento,	Nor be thy faith confounded, though
Ne vacilles, sed memento,	The Sacrament be broke, for know,
Tantum esse sub fragmento	The life which in the whole doth glow
Quantum toto tegitur.	In every part remains;
Nulla rei fit scissura;	No force the Substance can divide
Signi tantum fit fractura;	Which those meek forms terrestrial hide:
Qua nec status nec statura	The Sign is broke; the signified
Signati minuitur.	Nor change nor loss sustains.
Ecce panis Angelorum,	The Bread of angels, lo! is sent
Factus cibus viatorum:	For weary pilgrims' nourishment;
Vere panis filiorum:	The children's Bread, not to be spent
Non mittendus canibus.	On worthless dogs profane;
In figuris præsignatur,	In types significant portrayed,
Cum Isaac immolatur;	Young Isaac on the altar laid,
Agnus Paschæ deputatur,	And paschal offerings duly made,
Datur manna patribus.	And manna's fruitful rain.
Bone Pastor, panis vere,	O Thou good Shepherd, Very Bread,
Jesu, nostri miserere:	Jesu, on us Thy mercy shed;

Tu nos pasce, nos tuere,	Sweetly feed us, Gently lead us,
Tu nos bona fac videre	Till of Thy Fulness us Thou give.
In terra viventium.	Safe in the land of those that live.
Tu qui cuncta scis et vales,	Thou who can'st all, and all dost know,
Qui nos pascis hic mortales :	Thou who dost feed us here below,
Tuos ibi commensales,	Grant us to share Thy banquet there,
Cohæredes et sodales	Co-heirs and partners of Thy love
Fac sanctorum civium.	With the blest citizens above.
Amen. Alleluia.	Amen. Alleluia.

33. THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

Second Sunday after Epiphany.

JESU dulcis memoria,	JESUS! the very thought of Thee
Dans vera cordis gaudia :	With sweetness fills my breast;
Sed super mel et omnia	But sweeter far Thy face to see,
Ejus dulcis præsentia.	And in Thy presence rest.

Nil canitur suavius,	Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nil auditur jucundius,	Nor can the memory find
Nil cogitatur dulcius,	A sweeter sound than that blest name,
Quam Jesus Dei Filius.	O Saviour of mankind!

Jesu spes pœnitentibus,	O hope of every contrite heart,
Quam pius es petentibus!	O joy of all the meek,
Quam bonus te quærentibus!	To those who fall how kind Thou art!
Sed quid invenientibus!	How good to those who seek!

Nec lingua valet dicere,
Nec littera exprimere,
Expertus potest credere,
Quid sit Jesum diligere.

Sis, Jesu, nostrum gaudium,
Qui es futurus præmium :
Sit nostra in te gloria,
Per cuncta semper sæcula.
Amen.

But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
Our hope, our victory.
Amen.

34. THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH.

Third Sunday after Easter.

TE, Joseph, celebrent agmina cœlitum,
Te cuncti resonent Christiadum chori,
Qui clarus meritis, junctus es inclytæ
Casto fœdere Virgini.

Almo cum tumidam germine conjugem
Admirans, dubio tangeris anxius,
Afflatu superi Flaminis angelus
Conceptum puerum docet.

Tu natum Dominum stringis, ad exteras
Ægypti profugum tu sequeris plagas;
Amissum Solymis quæris et invenis,
Miscens gaudia fletibus.

Post mortem reliquos mors pia consecrat,
Palmamque emeritos gloria suscipit :

JOSEPH, pure spouse of that immortal Bride
Who shines in ever-virgin glory bright,
Thy praise let all the earth re-echoing send
Back to the realms of light.

Thee, when sore doubts of thine affianced wife
Had filled thy righteous spirit with dismay,
An Angel visited, and, with blest words,
Scattered thy fears away.

Thine arms embraced thy Maker newly born,
With Him to Egypt's desert didst thou flee;
Him in Jerusalem didst seek and find;
O day of joy to thee!

Not until after death their blissful crown
Others obtain; but unto thee was given

Tu vivens, superis par, frueris Deo,
Mira sorte beatior.

Nobis, summa Trias, parce precantibus,
Da Joseph meritis sidera scandere:
Ut tandem liceat nos tibi perpetim
Gratum promere canticum.
Amen.

In thine own lifetime to enjoy thy God,
As do the blest in heaven.

Grant us, great Trinity, for Joseph's sake,
The heights of immortality to gain:
There with glad tongues Thy praise to celebrate
In one eternal strain.
Amen.

35. THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

(*June 24.*)

UT * queant laxis *re*sonare fibris
*Mi*ra gestorum *fa*muli tuorum,
*Sol*ve polluti *la*bii reatum
*Sa*ncte Joannes.

Nuntius celso veniens Olympo,
Te patri magnum fore nasciturum,
Nomen, et vitæ seriem gerendæ
Ordine promit.

Ille promissi dubius superni,
Perdidit promptæ modulos loquelæ,
Sed reformasti genitus peremptæ
Organa vocis.

O THAT once more, to sinful men descending,
Thou from polluted lips their chains wert rending,
So, holy John, might worthy hymns ascending
Tell of thy wonders.

Lo! from the hill of heaven's eternal glory
Comes a bright herald to thy father hoary,
Gives thee thy name, thy birth and wondrous story
Truly foretelling.

But, while the heav'nly word he disbelieveth,
Lo! all his power of ready utt'rance leaveth,
Till by thy birth his tongue again receiveth
Power of speaking.

* The first verse of this hymn is of interest to musicians, as the initial syllables of each line (marked in *italics*) are those chosen by Guido of Arezzo for the musical scale.

Ventris obstruso recubans cubili,
Senseras Regem thalamo manentem:
Hinc parens, nati meritis, uterque
Abdita pandit.

Sit decus Patri, genitæque Proli,
Et tibi, compar utriusque Virtus
Spiritus semper, Deus unus, omni
Temporis ævo. Amen.

Thou, while thy mother's womb was thee containing,
Knewest thy King, in secret still remaining;
Thus was each parent through her child obtaining
Knowledge of mysteries.

Father and Son, to Thee be adoration;
Spirit of Both, to Thee like veneration;
Praise to the One true God of our salvation,
Ever and ever. Amen.

36. SS. PETER AND PAUL. (*June* 29.)

DECORA lux æternitatis, auream
Diem beatis irrigavit ignibus
Apostolorum quæ coronat principes,
Reisque in astra liberam pandit viam.

Mundi Magister, atque cœli Janitor,
Romæ parentes, arbitrique gentium,
Per ensis ille, hic per crucis victor necem
Vitæ senatum laureati possident.

O Roma felix! quæ duorum Principum
Es consecrata glorioso sanguine:
Horum cruore purpurata cæteras
Excellis orbis una pulchritudines.

BATHED in eternity's all-beauteous beam,
And opening into heaven a path sublime,
Welcome the golden day which heralds in
The Apostolic Chiefs, whose glory fills all time!

Peter and Paul, the fathers of great Rome!
Now sitting in the Senate of the skies!
One by the Cross, the other by the Sword,
Sent to their thrones on high, and life's eternal prize.

O happy Rome! whom that most glorious blood
For ever consecrates while ages flow:
Thou, thus empurpled, art more beautiful
Than all that doth appear most beautiful below.

Sit Trinitati sempiterna gloria,	Praise, blessing, majesty, through endless days,
Honor, potestas, atque jubilatio,	Be to the Trinity immortal given;
In unitate, quæ gubernat omnia,	Who, in pure Unity, profoundly sways
Per universa sæculorum sæcula. Amen.	Eternally all things alike in earth and heaven. Amen.

37. THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.

(First Sunday of July.)

FESTIVIS resonent compita vocibus, Cives lætitiam frontibus explicent, Tædis flammiferis ordine prodeant, Instructi pueri et senes.	FORTH let the long procession stream, And through the streets in order wend; Let the bright waving line of torches gleam, The solemn chant ascend;
Quem dura moriens Christus in arbore Fudit multiplici vulnere Sanguinem, Nos facti memores dum colimus, decet Saltem fundere lacrymas.	While we, with tears and sighs profound, That memorable Blood record Which, stretched on His hard cross, from many a wound The dying Jesus poured.
Humano generi pernicies gravis Adami veteris crimine contigit: Adami integritas et pietas novi Vitam reddidit omnibus.	By the first Adam's fatal sin Came death upon the human race; In this new Adam doth new life begin, And everlasting grace.
Clamorem validum summus ab æthere Languentis Geniti si Pater audiit, Placari potius sanguine debuit, Et nobis veniam dare.	For scarce the Father heard from heaven The cry of His expiring Son, When in that cry our sins were all forgiven, And boundless pardon won.

Hoc quicumque stolam sanguine proluit,
Abstergit maculas, et roseum decus
Quo fiat similis protinus Angelis,
Et regi placeat, capit.

Henceforth, whoso in that dear Blood
Washeth shall lose his every stain :
And in immortal roseate beauty robed,
An angel's likeness gain.

A recto instabilis tramite postmodum
Se nullus retrahat, meta sed ultima
Tangatur : tribuet nobile præmium,
Qui cursum Deus adjuvat.

Only run thou with courage on
Straight to the goal set in the skies ;
He who assists thy course will give thee soon
The everlasting prize.

Nobis propitius sis, Genitor potens,
Ut quos unigenæ Sanguine Filii
Emisti, et placido Flamine recreas,
Cœli ad culmina transferas.
Amen.

Father supreme ! vouchsafe that we,
For whom Thine only Son was slain,
And whom thy Holy Spirit sanctifies,
May heavenly joys attain.
Amen.

38. THE TRANSFIGURATION. (*August 6.*)

QUICUMQUE Christum quæritis,
Oculos in altum tollite :
Illic licebit visere
Signum perennis gloriæ.

ALL ye who seek, in hope and love,
For your dear Lord, look up above :
Where, traced upon the azure sky,
Faith may a glorious form descry.

Illustre quiddam cernimus,
Quod nesciat finem pati,
Sublime, celsum, interminum,
Antiquius cœlo et chao.

Lo ! on the trembling verge of light
A something all divinely bright :
Immortal, infinite, sublime !
Older than chaos, space, or time :

Hic ille Rex est Gentium Populique Rex judaici, Promissus Abrahæ patri Ejusque in ævum semini.	Hail, Thou the Gentiles' mighty Lord ! All hail, O Israel's King adored ! To Abraham sworn in ages past, And to his seed while earth shall last.
Hunc et prophetis testibus, Iisdemque signatoribus, Testator et pater jubet Audire nos, et credere.	To Thee the prophets witness bear ; Of Thee the Father doth declare That all who would His glory see Must hear and must believe in Thee.
Jesu, tibi sit gloria, Qui te revelas parvulis, Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu, In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.	To Jesus, from the proud concealed, But evermore to babes revealed, All glory with the Father be, And Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

39. THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN. (*Third Sunday in September.*)

O QUOT undis lacrymarum, Quo dolore volvitur,	WHAT a sea of tears and sorrows Did the soul of Mary toss
Luctuosa de cruento Dum revulsum stipite,	To and fro upon its billows, While she wept her bitter loss ;
Cernit ulnis incubantem Virgo mater filium.	In her arms her Jesus holding, Torn but newly from the Cross !
Os suave, mite pectus, Et latus dulcissimum,	O that mournful Virgin Mother ! See her tears how fast they flow

Dexteramque vulneratam, Et sinistram sauciam, Et rubras cruore plantas Ægra tingit lacrymis.	Down upon His mangled body, Wounded side, and thorny brow; While His hands and feet she kisses, Picture of immortal woe!
Centiesque, milliesque Stringit arctis nexibus Pectus illud et lacertos, Illa figit vulnera, Sicque tota colliquescit In doloris osculis.	Oft and oft His arms and bosom Fondly straining to her own; Oft her pallid lips imprinting On each wound of her dear Son, Till at last, in swoons of anguish, Sense and consciousness are gone.
Eia, Mater, obsecramus Per tuas has lacrymas, Filiique triste funus, Vulnerumque purpuram, Hunc tui cordis dolorem Conde nostris cordibus.	Gentle Mother, we beseech thee, By thy tears and trouble sore, By the death of thy dear Offspring, By the bloody wounds He bore, Touch our hearts with that true sorrow Which afflicted thee of yore.
Esto Patri, Filioque, Et Coævo Flamini, Esto summæ Trinitati Sempiterna gloria; Et perennis laus honorque, Hoc et omni sæculo. Amen.	To the Father everlasting, And the Son who reigns on high, With the coeternal Spirit, Trinity in Unity, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Now and through eternity. Amen.

40. ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL. (*September 29.*)

TE splendor et virtus Patris, Te vita, Jesu, cordium,	O JESU! life-spring of the soul! The Father's power, and glory bright!

Ab ore qui pendent tuo, Laudamus inter Angelos.	Thee with the angels we extol : From Thee they draw their life and light.
Tibi mille densa millium Ducum corona militat : Sed explicat victor crucem Michael salutis signifer.	Thy thousand thousand hosts are spread Embattled o'er the azure sky : But Michael bears Thy standard dread, And lifts the mighty Cross on high.
Draconis hic dirum caput In ima pellit tartara, Ducemque cum rebellibus Cœlesti ab arce fulminat.	He in that sign the rebel powers Did with their dragon prince expel ; And hurled them, from the heaven's high towers, Down like a thunderbolt to hell.
Contra ducem superbiæ Sequamur hunc nos Principem, Ut detur ex Agni throno Nobis corona gloriæ.	Grant us with Michael still, O Lord, Against the Prince of Pride to fight ; So may a crown be our reward Before the Lamb's pure throne of light.
Patri, simulque Filio, Tibique Sancte Spiritus, Sicut fuit, sit jugiter, Sæclum per omne gloria. Amen.	Now to the Father, and the Son And Holy Ghost, all glory be, As ever was in ages gone, And shall be so eternally. Amen.

41. THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS. (*October 2.*)

CUSTODES hominum psallimus angelos, Naturæ fragili quos Pater addidit Cœlestis comites, insidiantibus Ne succumberet hostibus.	PRAISE those ministers celestial Whom the dread Father chose To be the Guardians of our nature frail Against our scheming foes.

Nam quod corruerit proditor angelus, Concessis merito pulsus honoribus, Ardens invidia pellere nititur, Quos cœlo Deus advocat.	For, since that from his glory in the skies The apostate angel fell, Burning with envy, evermore he tries To drown our souls in hell.
Huc custos igitur pervigil advola, Avertens patria de tibi credita Tam morbos animi, quam requiescere Quidquid non sinit incolas.	Then hither, watchful Spirit, bend thy wing, Our country's Guardian blest! Avert her threatening ills, expel each thing That hindereth her rest.
Sanctæ sit Triadi laus pia jugiter, Cujus perpetuo numine machina Triplex hæc regitur, cujus in omnia Regnat gloria sæcula. Amen.	Praise to the glorious Trinity, whose strength This mighty fabric sways; Whose glory spreads beyond the utmost length Of everlasting days. Amen.

42. ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL. (*October 24.*)

TIBI, Christe, splendor Patris, Vita, virtus cordium: In conspectu angelorum Votis, voce psallimus: Alternantes concrepando Melos damus vocibus.	JESU, brightness of the Father! Life and strength of all who live! In the presence of the Angels, Glory to Thy name we give, And Thy wondrous praise rehearse, Singing in alternate verse.
Collaudamus venerantes, Omnes cœli principes, Sed præcipue fidelem Medicum et comitem Raphaelem, in virtute Alligantem dæmonem.	Hail, too, ye angelic powers! Hail, ye thrones celestial! Hail, Physician of salvation, Guide of life, blest Raphael! Who the foe of all mankind Didst in links of iron bind.

Quo custode procul pelle,
Rex Christe piissime,
Omne nefas inimici,
Mundo corde et corpore:
Paradiso redde tuo
Nos sola clementia.

O may Christ, by thy protection,
Shelter us from harm this day;
Keep us pure in flesh and spirit,
Save us from the enemy;
And vouchsafe us, of His grace,
In His Paradise a place.

Gloriam Patri melodis
Personemus vocibus:
Gloriam Christo canamus,
Gloriam Paraclito;
Qui trinus et unus Deus
Extat ante sæcula.
Amen.

Glory to th' Almighty Father
Sing we now in anthems sweet;
Glory to the great Redeemer,
Glory to the Paraclete;
Three in one, and one in three,
Throughout all eternity. Amen.

43. THE MATERNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN. (*Third Sunday in October.*)

CŒLO Redemptor prætulit
Felicis alvum Virginis,
Ubi caduca membra
Mortale corpus induit.

THE Saviour left high Heaven to dwell
Within the Virgin's womb,
And there arrayed Himself in Flesh,
Our Victim to become.

Hæc Virgo nobis edidit
Nostræ salutis auspicem,
Qui nos redemit sanguine,
Pœnas crucemque pertulit.

She unto us divinely bore
Salvation's King and God,
Who died for us upon the Cross,
Who saves us in His Blood.

Spes læta nostro e pectore
Pellat timores anxios:
Hæc quippe nostras lacrymas,
Precesque defert Filio.

She too our joyful hope shall be,
And drive away all fears,
Offering for us to her dear Son
Our contrite sighs and tears.

Voces parentis excipit,
Votisque natus annuit:

That Son, He hears His Mother's prayer,

Hanc quisque semper diligat,
Rebusque in arctis invocet.

Sit Trinitati gloria,
Quæ Matris intactum sinum
Ditavit almo germine,
Laus sit per omne sæculum.

Amen.

And grants, ere it be said;
Be ours to love her and invoke
In every strait her aid.

Praise to the Glorious Trinity
While endless times proceed,
Who in that bosom, pure of stain,
Sowed such immortal seed.

Amen.

44. ALL SAINTS. (*November 1.*)

PLACARE, Christe, servulis,
Quibus Patris clementiam
Tuæ ad Tribunal gratiæ
Patrona Virgo postulat.

Et vos beata, per novem
Distincta gyros agmina:
Antiqua cum præsentibus,
Futura damna pellite.

Apostoli cum Vatibus,
Apud severum Judicem
Veris reorum fletibus
Exposcite indulgentiam.

Vos purpurati Martyres,
Vos candidati præmio
Confessionis, exules
Vocate nos in patriam.

O CHRIST, Thy guilty people spare!
Lo, bending at Thy gracious throne,
Thy Virgin Mother pours her prayer,
Imploring pardon for her own.

Ye Angels, happy evermore!
Who in your circles nine ascend,
As ye have guarded us before,
So still from harm our steps defend.

Ye Prophets and Apostles high!
Behold our penitential tears;
And plead for us when death is nigh,
And our all-searching Judge appears.

Ye Martyrs all! a purple band,
And Confessors, a white-robed train:
O call us to our native land,
From this our exile, back again.

Chorea casta Virginum,	And ye, O choirs of Virgins chaste,
Et quos eremus incolas	Receive us to your seats on high,
Transmisit astris Cœlitum,	With hermits whom the desert waste
Locate nos in sedibus.	Sent up of old into the sky.
Auferte gentem perfidam	Drive from the flock, O Spirits blest!
Credentium de finibus;	The false and faithless race away;
Ut unus omnes unicum	That all within one fold may rest,
Ovile nos Pastor regat.	Secure beneath one Shepherd's sway.
Deo Patri sit gloria,	To God the Father glory be,
Natoque Patris unico,	And to His sole-begotten Son;
Sancto simul Paraclito,	The same, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.	While everlasting ages run. Amen.

45. THE COMMON OF APOSTLES AND EVANGELISTS.

EXULTET orbis gaudiis:	NOW let the earth with joy resound,
Cœlum resultet laudibus:	And highest heaven re-echo round;
Apostolorum gloriam	Nor heaven nor earth too high can raise
Tellus et astra concinunt.	The great Apostles' glorious praise.
Vos sæculorum Judices,	O ye who, throned in glory dread,
Et vera mundi lumina,	Shall judge the living and the dead!
Votis precamur cordium:	Lights of the world for evermore!

Audite voces supplicum.	To you the suppliant prayer we pour.
Qui templa cœli clauditis,	Ye close the sacred gates on high ;
Serasque verbo solvitis,	At your command apart they fly :
Nos a reatu noxios	O loose us from the guilty chain
Solvi jubete, quæsumus.	We strive to break, and strive in vain.
Præcepta quorum protinus	Sickness and health your voice obey ;
Languor, salusque sentiunt :	At your command they go or stay :
Sanate mentes languidas :	O then from sin our souls restore ;
Augete nos virtutibus.	Increase our virtues more and more.
Ut, cum redibit Arbiter	So when the world is at its end,
In fine Christus sæculi,	And Christ to judgment shall descend,
Nos sempiterni gaudii	May we be called those joys to see,
Concedat esse compotes.	Prepared from all eternity.
Patri, simulque Filio,	Praise to the Father, with the Son,
Tibique sancte Spiritus,	And Holy Spirit, Three in One ;
Sicut fuit, sit jugiter	As ever was in ages past,
Sæclum per omne gloria. Amen.	And shall be so while ages last. Amen.

46. THE COMMON OF APOSTLES AND EVANGELISTS, AT EASTERTIDE.

TRISTES erant Apostoli	WHEN Christ, by His own servants slain,
De Christi acerbo funere,	Had died upon the bitter Cross.

Quem morte crudelissima	The Apostles, of their joy bereft,
Servi necarant impii.	Were weeping their dear Master's loss:
Sermone verax Angelus	Meanwhile an Angel at the tomb
Mulieribus prædixerat:	To holy women hath foretold,
Mox ore Christus gaudium	"The faithful flock with joy shall soon
Gregi feret fidelium.	Their Lord in Galilee behold."
Ad anxios Apostolos	Who, as they run the news to bring,
Currunt statim dum nuntiæ,	Lo, straightway Christ Himself they meet,
Illæ micantis obvia	All radiant bright with heavenly light,
Christi tenent vestigia.	And, falling, clasp His sacred feet.
Galilææ ad alta montium	To Galilee's lone mountain height
Se conferunt Apostoli,	The Apostolic band retire,
Jesuque, voti compotes,	There, blest with their dear Saviour's sight,
Almo beantur lumine.	Enjoy in full their souls' desire.
Ut sis perenne mentibus	O Jesu, from the death of sin
Paschale Jesu gaudium,	Keep us, we pray; so shalt Thou be
A morte dira criminum	The everlasting Paschal joy
Vitæ renatos libera.	Of all the souls new-born in Thee.
Deo Patri sit gloria,	To God the Father, with the Son
Et Filio qui a mortuis	Who from the grave immortal rose,

Surrexit, ac Paraclito,	And Thee, O Paraclete, be praise,
In sempiterna sæcula.	While age on endless ages flows.
Amen.	Amen.

47. THE COMMON OF ONE MARTYR.

DEUS, tuorum militum	O GOD, Thy soldiers' Crown and Guard,
Sors, et corona, præmium,	And their exceeding great reward,
Laudes canentes Martyris	From all transgressions set us free,
Absolve nexu criminis.	Who sing Thy Martyr's victory.
Hic nempe mundi gaudia,	The pleasures of the world he spurned,
Et blanda fraudum pabula	From sin's pernicious lures he turned;
Imbuta felle deputans,	He knew their joys imbued with gall:
Pervenit ad cœlestia.	And thus he reached Thy heavenly hall.
Pœnas cucurrit fortiter,	For Thee through many a woe he ran,
Et sustulit viriliter,	In many a fight he played the man;
Fundensque pro te sanguinem,	For Thee his blood he dared to pour,
Æterna dona possidet.	And thence hath joy for evermore.
Ob hoc precatu supplici	We therefore pray Thee, full of love,
Te poscimus, piissime:	Regard us from Thy throne above:
In hoc triumpho Martyris	On this Thy Martyr's triumph-day
Dimitte noxam servulis.	Wash every stain of sin away.

Laus et perennis gloria
Patri sit, atque Filio,
Sancto simul Paraclito,
In sempiterna sæcula.
Amen.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son:
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally.
Amen.

48. THE COMMON OF MANY MARTYRS.

SANCTORUM meritis inclyta gaudia
Pangamus socii, gestaque fortia:
Gliscens fert animus promere cantibus
Victorum genus optimum.

Hi sunt, quos fatue mundus abhorruit,
Hunc fructu vacuum, floribus aridum,
Contempsere tui nominis asseclæ,
Jesu Rex bone Cœlitum.

Hi pro te furias atque minas truces
Calcarunt hominum, sævaque verbera:
His cessit lacerans fortiter ungula,
Nec carpsit penetralia.

Cæduntur gladiis more bidentium:
Non murmur resonat, non quærimonia:

THE merits of the Saints,
Blessèd for evermore,
Their love that never faints,
The toils they bravely bore—
For these the Church to-day
Pours forth her joyous lay:
These victors win the noblest bay.

They, whom this world of ill,
While it yet held, abhorred:
Its withering flowers that still
They spurned with one accord:
They knew them short-lived all,
And followed at Thy call,
King Jesu, to Thy heavenly hall.

For Thee all pangs they bare,
Fury and mortal hate,
The cruel scourge to tear,
The hook to lacerate;
But vain their foes' intent:
For, every torment spent,
Their valiant spirits stood unbent.

Like sheep their blood they poured:
And without groan or tear
They bent before the sword

Sed corde impavido mens bene conscia
Conservat patientiam.

For that their King most dear:
Their souls, serenely blest,
In patience they possessed,
And looked in hope towards their rest.

Quæ vox, quæ poterit lingua retexere
Quæ tu Martyribus munera præparas?
Rubri nam fluido sanguine fulgidis
Cingunt tempora laureis.

What tongue may here declare,
Fancy or thought descry,
The joys Thou dost prepare
For these Thy Saints on high?
Empurpled in the flood
Of their victorious blood,
They won the laurel from their God.

Te, summa O Deitas, unaque, poscimus,
Ut culpas abigas, noxia subtrahas,
Des pacem famulis, ut tibi gloriam
Annorum in seriem canant.
Amen.

To Thee, O Lord Most High,
One in Three Persons still,
To pardon us we cry,
And to preserve from ill:
Here give Thy servants peace,
Hereafter glad release,
And pleasures that shall never cease.
Amen.

49. THE COMMON OF MARTYRS, EASTER-TIDE.

REX gloriose Martyrum,
Corona confitentium,
Qui respuentes terrea
Perducis ad cœlestia:

ALL-GLORIOUS King of Martyrs Thou,
Crown of Confessors here below;
Whom, casting earthly joys away,
Thou guidest to celestial day:

Aurem benignam protinus
Intende nostris vocibus:
Trophæa sacra pangimus:
Ignosce quod deliquimus.

O quickly bend a gracious ear
To this our suppliant voice of prayer;
As we their sacred triumphs chant,
Forgiveness to our errors grant.

Tu vincis inter Martyres,
Parcisque Confessoribus:
Tu vince nostra crimina,
Largitor indulgentiæ.

In Martyrs, victory is Thine;
In Thy Confessors, mercies shine:
Then conquer, Lord, our wickedness,
And us with loving pardon bless.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Et Filio qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

Now to the Father, and the Son
Who rose from death, all glory be,
With Thee, O Holy Comforter,
Henceforth through all eternity. Amen.

50. THE COMMON OF CONFESSORS.

ISTE Confessor Domini, colentes
Quem pie laudant populi per orbem,
Hac die lætus meruit beatas
Scandere sedes.

THIS is the day when Jesu's true Confessor,
Whose happy festal here His people keep,
Hasting with joy to dwell with Him the Blesser,
Climbed Heaven's steep.

(*If it be not the day of his death, the first verse is as follows:*)

Iste Confessor Domini, colentes
Quem pie laudant populi per orbem,
Hac die lætus meruit supremos
Laudis honores.

Safe now for ever, Jesu's true Confessor,
Whose happy festal here His people keep,
Doth of his labors for his mighty Blesser
Rich harvest reap.

Qui pius, prudens, humilis, pudicus,
Sobriam duxit sine labe vitam,
Donec humanos animavit auræ
Spiritus artus.

Gentle was he, wise, pure, and lowly-hearted,
Sober and modest, ever foe to strife,
While in his frame there flowed as yet unparted
Currents of life.

Cujus ob præstans meritum, frequenter	Ofttimes hath He whose face he sees in heaven,
Ægra quæ passim jacuere membra,	Being entreated for His servant's sake,
Viribus morbi domitis, saluti	To us on earth the same for healer given
Restituuntur.	Sick whole to make.
Noster hinc illi chorus obsequentem	Wherefore our choir, in thankfulness adoring,
Concinit laudem, celebresque palmas;	Lifteth its voice with melody of laud,
Ut piis ejus precibus juvemur	While he on high for us his prayer is pouring
Omne per ævum.	Unto his God.
Sit salus illi, decus atque virtus,	Glory and honor, virtue and salvation
Qui super cœli solio coruscans,	Be unto Him, who, in His might divine,
Totius mundi seriem gubernat	Ruleth supremely over all creation,
Trinus et unus. Amen.	One and yet Trine. Amen.

51. THE COMMON OF VIRGINS.

JESU, corona Virginum,	JESUS, the Virgins' Crown, do Thou
Quem Mater illa concipit.	Accept us, as in prayer we bow;
Quæ sola Virgo parturit,	Born of that Virgin whom alone
Hæc vota clemens accipe.	The mother and the maid we own.
Qui pergis inter lilia,	Amongst the lilies Thou dost feed,
Septus choreis Virginum,	With virgin choirs accompanied;
Sponsus decorus gloria,	With glory decked, the spotless brides
Sponsisque reddens præmia.	Whose bridal gifts Thy love provides.

Quocumque tendis, Virgines	They, whereso'er Thy footsteps bend,
Sequuntur, atque laudibus	With hymns and praises still attend;
Post te canentes cursitant,	In blessèd troops they follow Thee,
Hymnosque dulces personant.	With dance, and song, and melody.
Te deprecamur supplices,	We pray Thee therefore to bestow
Nostris ut addas sensibus	Upon our senses here below
Nescire prorsus omnia	Thy grace, that so we may endure,
Corruptionis vulnera.	From taint of all corruption pure.
Virtus, honor, laus, gloria	All laud to God the Father be:
Deo Patri cum Filio,	All laud, Eternal Son, to Thee:
Sancto simul Paraclito,	All laud, as is for ever meet,
In sæculorum sæcula.	To God the Holy Paraclete.
Amen.	Amen.

52. THE COMMON OF HOLY WOMEN.

FORTEM virili pectore	HIGH let us all our voices raise
Laudemus omnes fœminam,	In that heroic woman's praise
Quæ sanctitatis gloria	Whose name, with saintly glory bright,
Ubique fulget inclyta.	Shines in the starry realms of light.
Hæc sancto amore saucia,	Filled with a pure celestial glow,
Dum mundi amorem noxium	She spurned all love of things below;
Horrescit, ad cœlestia	And heedless here on earth to stay,
Iter peregit arduum.	Climbed to the skies her toilsome way.

Carnem domans jejuniis,
Dulcique mentem pabulo
Orationis nutriens,
Cœli potitur gaudiis.

With fasts her body she subdued,
But filled her soul with prayer's sweet food;
In other worlds she tastes the bliss
For which she left the joys of this.

Rex Christe, virtus fortium,
Qui magna solus efficis,
Hujus precatu quæsumus
Audi benignus supplices.

O Christ, the strength of all the strong,
To whom all our best deeds belong!
Through her prevailing prayers on high,
In mercy hear Thy people's cry.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Ejusque soli Filio,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Nunc et per omne sæculum.
Amen.

To God the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be glory while the ages flow,
From all above and all below.
Amen.

53. THE COMMON OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH.

CŒLESTIS Urbs Jerusalem,
Beata pacis visio,
Quæ celsa de viventibus
Saxis ad astra tolleris,
Sponsæque ritu cingeris
Mille Angelorum millibus.

BLESSÈD city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who, of living stones upbuilded,
Art the joy of heaven above,
And, with angel cohorts circled,
As a bride to earth dost move!

O sorte nupta prospera,
Dotata Patris gloria,
Respersa Sponsi gratia,

From celestial realms descending,
Ready for the nuptial bed,

Regina formosissima,
Christo jugata Principi,
Cœli corusca civitas.

To His presence, decked with jewels,
By her Lord shall she be led;
All her streets, and all her bulwarks,
Of pure gold are fashionèd.

Hic margaritis emicant,
Patentque cunctis ostia :
Virtute namque prævia
Mortalis illuc ducitur,
Amore Christi percitus
Tormenta quisquis sustinet.

Bright with pearls her portal glitters !
It is open evermore ;
And, by virtue of His merits,
Thither faithful souls may soar
Who, for Christ's dear Name, in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

Scalpri salubris ictibus,
Et tunsione plurima,
Fabri polita malleo
Hanc saxa molem construunt,
Aptisque juncta nexibus
Locantur in fastigio.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath willed for ever
That His palace should be decked.

Decus Parenti debitum
Sit usquequaque Altissimo,
Natoque Patris unico,
Et inclyto Paraclito,
Cui laus, potestas, gloria
Æterna sit per sæcula.
Amen.

Laud and honor to the Father ;
Laud and honor to the Son ;
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One :
Consubstantial, Co-eternal,
While unending ages run.
Amen.

54. THE COMMON OF ALL FEASTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

AVE maris stella,
Dei Mater alma,

HAIL, bright Star of ocean,
God's own Mother blest,

Atque semper virgo,
Felix cœli porta.

Ever-sinless Virgin,
Gate of heavenly rest!

Sumens illud Ave
Gabrielis ore,
Funda nos in pace,
Mutans Hevæ nomen.

Taking that sweet AVE
Which from Gabriel came,
Peace confirm within us,
Changing EVA's name.

Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen cæcis,
Mala nostra pelle,
Bona cuncta posce.

Break the captive's fetters;
Light on blindness pour;
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.

Monstra te esse matrem;
Sumat per te preces,
Qui pro nobis natus
Tulit esse tuus.

Show thyself a mother;
May the Word Divine,
Born for us thine Infant,
Hear our prayers through thine.

Virgo singularis,
Inter omnes mitis,
Nos culpis solutos,
Mites fac et castos.

Virgin all excelling,
Mildest of the mild,
Freed from guilt, preserve us
Meek and undefiled;

Vitam præsta puram,
Iter para tutum,
Ut videntes Jesum,
Semper collætemur.

Keep our life all spotless,
Make our way secure,
Till we find in Jesus
Joy for evermore.

Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summo Christo decus,
Spiritui Sancto,
Tribus honor unus. Amen.

Through the highest heaven
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
One same glory be. Amen.

55. FOR THE BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

AVE verum Corpus, natum
Ex Maria Virgine,

HAIL to Thee, True Body, sprung
From the Virgin Mary's womb!

Vere passum, immolatum	The same that on the Cross was hung,
In cruce pro homine.	And bore for man the bitter doom !
Cujus latus perforatum	Thou whose Side was pierced, and flowed
Unda fluxit et sanguine,	Both with water and with blood,
Esto nobis prægustatum,	Suffer us to taste of Thee
Mortis in examine.	In our life's last agony.
O Clemens, O Pie,	O kind, O loving One !
O Dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariæ. Amen.	O sweet Jesus ! Mary's Son ! Amen.
ADORO te devote, latens Deitas,	HUMBLY I adore Thee, hidden Deity,
Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas ;	Which beneath these symbols art concealed from me :
Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,	Wholly in submission Thee my spirit hails,
Quia te contemplans totum deficit.	For in contemplating Thee it wholly fails.
Visus, gustus, tactus, in te fallitur,	Seeing, touching, tasting, all are here deceived,
Sed auditu solo tuto creditur.	But by hearing only safely 'tis believed :
Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius :	I believe whatever God's own Son averred :
Nil hoc verbo veritatis verius.	Nothing can be truer than Truth's very Word.
In cruce latebat sola Deitas,	On the Cross Thy Godhead only was concealed,
At hic latet simul et Humanitas :	Here not e'en Thy Manhood is to sight revealed :
Ambo tamen credens atque confitens,	But in both believing and confessing, Lord,
Peto quod petivit latro pœnitens.	Ask I what the dying thief of Thee implored.

Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor,	I do not, like Thomas, see Thy Wounds appear,
Deum tamen meum te confiteor.	But with him confess my Lord and God is here.
Fac me tibi semper magis credere,	Grant this faith in me may evermore increase,
In te spem habere, te diligere.	And my hope in Thee, and love, may never cease.
O memoriale mortis Domini!	O thrice-blest Memorial of my dying Lord.
Panis vivus, vitam præstans homini!	This true Bread of Life doth life to man afford;
Præsta meæ menti de te vivere,	Grant, O Lord, my soul may ever feed on Thee,
Et te illi semper dulce sapere.	And Thy taste of all things to it sweetest be.
Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine,	Victim for Thy people, Jesu, Lord and God,
Me immundum munda tuo sanguine,	Cleanse me, wretched sinner, in Thy precious Blood—
Cujus una stilla salvum facere	Blood whereof one drop for humankind outpoured
Totum mundum quit ab omni scelere.	Might from all transgression have the world restored.
Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio,	Jesu, whom in this life veilèd I behold,
Oro, fiat illud, quod tam sitio,	Grant what my soul thirsts for with desire untold;
Ut, te revelata cernens facie,	O may I, beholding Thine unveilèd grace,
Visu sim beatus tuæ gloriæ. Amen.	Rest in blissful vision of Thine open Face. Amen.

The following is usually sung after each verse:

Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium;	Jesus, Eternal Shepherd, hear our cry:
Adauge fidem omnium in te credentium.	Increase the faith of all whose souls on Thee rely.

O QUAM suavis est, Domine, Spiritus tuus! qui ut dulcedinem tuam in filios demonstrares, pane suavissimo, de cœlo præstito, esurientes reples bonis, fastidiosos divites dimittens inanes.
Alleluia.

O HOW gracious, O Lord, is Thy Spirit! Who, to show Thy sweetness to Thy children, by the sweetest food from Heaven, dost fill the hungry with good things, and sendest the proud rich empty away.
Alleluia.

O SACRUM Convivium, in quo Christus sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis ejus; mens impletur gratia, et futuræ gloriæ nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

O SACRED Banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given unto us.
Alleluia.

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